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# Awakening the Mighty Ones

**I**N the Plan of the Ages, God saw to it that the American branch of His Israel people acquired the formula for mass production, for through divine inspiration He gave to His people the knowledge and use of the latent forces of nature with the mind and ability to use these forces for every peaceful need, as well as for such a time as this. Regarding the latter, it is an example of a preparatory Providence in action — for who can say that this was not in the plan of God, when no other nation on the face of the globe can match the productive power of the United States of America!

Methods of mass production were being used to build automobiles, improve our ways of living, and contribute to the everyday comforts of our people. There was no thought of using such methods for the making of implements of war. And the world at large saw our achievements and copied our methods, but instead of utilizing them in the pursuits of peace that their own people might have the benefits and blessings of scientific discoveries to ease life's burdens, these other nations took our discoveries and used them to increase the burdens of their people as they prepared for war.

Thus it was — in the light of Joel's message — that the proclamation: "Prepare war!" went out to the Gentile world, who saw in mass production an opportunity to win world control, long the aim and desire of ambitious men and ungodly nations. These Gentile nations then began beating their plowshares into swords and their pruninghooks into spears with the result, as stated by Joel, "Let the weak say, I am strong."

Unable themselves to invent and bring mass production to perfection, they took our methods and began to arm on a mass basis, after which we were told of our inability to meet them on an equal footing as they boasted of their strength. But the prophet had also declared that as a result of this preparation and boasting, *the mighty men would be awakened!* And the only "mighty

men" in this case are those who gave to the world perfected methods of mass production together with the automobile, airplane and many other inventions which have made such production so profitable, even for the purposes of war.

Truly, the mighty men have awakened! America, in face of the threat from abroad, almost over night discarded the making of things for domestic and peaceful use, including automobiles, and turned her mind to setting her house in order to meet the threat to her safety by mass production of weapons of warfare — using the same energy and inventive genius which inspired her work and efforts for peace. The mighty men of Israel were indeed stirred from their slumber and today, from assembly lines in all our factories, there is coming a stream of equipment which bodes no good for our enemies. It is far in excess of any like production on their part. The Gentile nations' proclamations of war have certainly stirred up our mighty men until now from all over the land, with management and labor working together and with the ability and genius of the inventive mind of America back of mass production, now streamlined for purposes of war, the implements for battle are rolling along steel rails, on ships sailing every sea and in planes flying in the heavens going to all the battlefronts where the United Nations face the foe.

That quality of mind which makes all this possible is an evidence of the kindly protective Providence in our favor as mass production geared to war outstrips every nation in a forward move to ultimate victory over all those who have disturbed our peace! Of this contrast in productive power with that of the Gentile nations, these lines from Kipling (in the plural instead of singular) seem to take on a new and national meaning:

"They copied all they could follow, but  
they couldn't copy our mind  
So we left them, sweating and stealing,  
a year and a half behind."

**Y**OUR attention, as you read this publication, is directed toward the destinies of the nations of

## FOREWORD

the world, the war, and our changing economy. The conclusions are based on the *only* authoritative source — the prophecies of the Holy Bible. In this way one can know the purpose and outcome of present chaos and you may well be startled, if this is your first acquaintance with its *national* phase, to discover the Bible as the most modern Book in the world. Containing information we must all sometime take into account, it deals mainly with the origin, history and destiny of *one* race. It is very probable that *you* are of that race and thus both the Bible and this publication deserve your serious consideration and study.

DESTINY identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel under the leadership of the United States of America and Great Britain, and proceeds to prove it to be true. The magazine itself is published by plain Americans who have seriously studied God's Word in the Scriptures and who have seen God's Hand in American and world history. We are not introducing a new religion. We are not a sect. In a time when esteem for the Bible has greatly declined, we stand for the truth of the Book as applied to the spiritual, economic and political life of man on the earth and so have formed a non-profit and non-political organization — which is undenominational — to publish these truths in order that others may possess this important information.

Our responsibility in these matters is deepened by the fact that the Anglo-Saxons are the people with whom God made His unalterable Covenant, and upon whom He laid His Law. That is, we accept the Scripture which describes a servant race appointed by God as the earthly vehicle of His purpose to the nations. This people He called *Israel*. Selected, disciplined, dispersed on their mission, they are here now — these are still Bible times in the truest sense — and it is a marvelous, continuing-on-through-the-centuries history. For we note that Israel left Palestine, while the Jews remained. We trace Israel out of the East and across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles, then on to America. By what the prophets wrote of them, what the monuments record, what the traditions preserve, by the "way-marks" they left at various stages of their journey, but mostly by the way they have fulfilled, unconsciously, what the Word of God states concerning them, and by the innumerable evidences of God's providence in their present situation, we know who and where they are, and what they will do. The United States and Canada are peopled with branches of Israel and their responsibility as human channels through which the purpose of God is to flow to the nations is very great.

ISRAEL! To many folk, today, the true meaning of this lovely name is lost or obscured. The fallacy persists that the ancient Israel people were chosen by God as an object of favoritism. God's choice of Israel still stands as a positive fact; yet there is no question of favoritism. The people of Israel were chosen for *service*. God called Israel to convey, to all mankind, the blessings of peace, happiness and true

progress. While performing that service, God guaranteed to Israel the reward which every faithful servant

should receive: the benevolence and protection of the Master. He placed His own name upon them, for Israel means "a prince with God," and He commanded them not to "take it in vain." That they did take God's name in vain — and so lost it — is a matter of history. That they will again carry it — to God's honor and service — is clear from the Bible, and is the subject of our publication.

Like the name Israel, *Anglo-Saxon* is a noble name when clearly understood. As here used it does not stand for the Nordic racial theory or for the exaltation of any nation. We exalt God, not man. And we recognize that all who are "born again" and believe in Jesus Christ, regardless of his or her race, will partake of the blessings of the Covenant. We emphasize the Anglo-Saxon-Israel fact, and thus make Israel's identity clear, because it has been so grossly neglected and misunderstood in Bible teaching and is *essential* to an understanding of the prophecies and plan of God as contained in the Bible.

We see in the Bible plain guidance for the spiritual life of the soul, for the moral order of society and for the economic process of community and national well-being based on justice and equity. We find the moral order by which God intends to make obsolete the pagan order under which we still live. We see our Israel forefathers as they lived in alternate obedience and rejection of the Law, with consequent prosperity, punishment and correction. We have the Voice of God recalling us to our allegiance and foretelling the consequences of certain courses of action, and we have our Lord offering to set up completely the Kingdom of God on earth in its spiritual, economic and moral elements with Himself as King. All this is a precious possibility at any time we are ready for it, instead of mere personal religion without larger social manifestation — which is, in brief, but one hemisphere of the whole of God's Truth!

Thus we stand for *the whole law of God and the whole Gospel of Christ!* In large and general terms, this defines our position. We are anti-nothing but pro-everything relating to God's revealed purpose. We publish the neglected truths concerning the Kingdom or Government of God, for peace and justice, and concerning the people of God who continue today, as in Bible times — the same people with the same work — but now nearing a time for the full entry of the rule of God amongst men.

Among our subscribers are men and women from many different walks of life, of all churches, and many clergymen. The Anglo-Saxon-Israel identity is becoming increasingly known, and chronologically we know that this information is now of pressing importance. Settle this — do so on a Scriptural basis — and a whole train of questions now confronting our nation and its citizens are immediately answered.

Correspondence is consistently invited, that we may show our fellow-citizens where to look in their own Bibles in order that they, too, will become convinced of the correctness and truth of the position we have taken.

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## THE MARCH OF HISTORY

### END OF GERMAN AFRICAN AGGRESSION

WITH the landing of American troops in Africa last November on the very date as charted by W. C. Nabors in his study of Chronology, the groundwork was laid for the eventual destruction of German aggression on the dark continent. When — in conformity with Isaiah's prophecy, as given in his eighteenth chapter — American forces moved across the seas and took up positions to assist the British in the campaign against Rommel, the inevitable defeat of Germany on that continent was made only a matter of a few months.

Now that the campaign has ended in a complete victory for the allied forces, few fully realize that it came exactly at the close of a defined period of time which began with German aggression upon that continent (against France; in Morocco; 1911). In the so-called Morocco crisis, Germany made demands upon France because of alleged disturbance of her rights in Morocco. On July 21st of that year Britain warned Germany and on the 24th the crisis became so grave that the British fleet received orders which next day compelled Germany to back down.

Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking of that situation, said, "It seems probable now that the Germans did not mean war on this occasion. But they meant to test the ground, and in doing so they were prepared to go to the very edge of the precipice."

J. Bernard Nicklin has clearly shown in *Their Days Are Numbered* the important bearing this Morocco crisis had on World War I and the subsequent events which led to World War II.

This Morocco crisis was of German origin. While Germany was frustrated in her plans by the quick and decisive action of Great Britain, it nevertheless began a period of proposed German moves which reached their climax in Africa in the invasion of Egypt under Field Marshal Rommel.

Through DESTINY, W. C. Nabors has been pointing out the chronological trends in the North African campaign and it is significant that precisely at the close of the number denoting judgment (9) times the beast number (1290 — applicable to Hitler and his program) we have the number of days from the close of the Morocco crisis to the collapse of German resistance in the Tunisian campaign. With this judgment upon Germany, all her African forces were either

destroyed or taken prisoners and she lost enormous amounts of arms and equipment.

Truly Germany is coming to judgment and the people of Isaiah's prophecy are being used as an instrument along with their allies to bring this about. And the chronological significance of the present world events cannot be too strongly stressed, for through the chronological aspect we are given ample proof of the overruling Providence — guiding and directing the affairs of men. Regardless of intervening events that may at times make the outlook seem dark we have the assurance, borne of a knowledge of the pattern of things to come, that wars will soon be ended and a period of peace will follow, with glorious opportunities for all under the righteous rule of His Kingdom and its administration.

### "THE FOOL HATH SAID . . ."

"NONE are so blind as those who do not want to see!" This is certainly applicable to professing atheists, agnostics, and the willful unbeliever today. Present fulfillment of prophecy alone, taking place on a schedule as accurately kept and timed as the passage of the earth around the sun, or the moon in its orbit, is *proof sufficient for a reasonable mind* that there is a God.

With all this evidence in hand, atheistical groups still persist in declaring the absence of a God, publishing literature and books belittling belief in the Bible. The Biblical estimation of such is thus declared: "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God."

Chronology is now proving what fools such men really are!

God, responsible for creation, and "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and hills in a balance" has also with His master-mind numbered the times and seasons as well as set the bounds of human activity according to a fixed and rigid chronological pattern, nor does He move or stir them until the time is fulfilled.

Let the atheists and agnostics, as well as unbelievers, give the reason (if there be no God, or His power questioned) for the pattern of events as they are and in the *chronological sequel in which they appear* as those events affect peoples and nations on a time scale which justifies the sacred writers in declaring,



"Even the selfsame day it came to pass."

One must stand in reverence before the handiwork of the Almighty. The very march of events fit a schedule so perfectly that there is not one single flaw nor untimed happening in the multiplicity of activities as they affect every theatre of war and shape current happenings on every home front. Man may propose, but God times man's acts and accomplishments and even his failures in accord with the pattern of His planning. What men consider to be the result of their free will is but the rhythm of timed impulses in accord with a predicted destiny working out on a schedule of time long ago established in the foreknowledge of God.

Atheism has failed utterly to keep pace with new revelation and continues to flaunt the mothworn garments of past doctrines, totally blind to the realities of the present. The outbreak of war in 1914, the taking of Jerusalem in 1917, the cessation of hostilities in 1918, the renewal of the conflict in 1939, all these on a time schedule in accord with the prophetic plan of the ages, is beyond the ken of the unbeliever. As he scoffs he but publicly declares his own ignorance, for to the above is now added the further knowledge, available for those who wish to investigate, of the measured pattern which enables students of chronology to give a detailed time table of events of the present and future in relation to the world conflict and the economic activities of men.

Not only are atheists ignorant of these astonishing things, but the detail of new and revealed truth of God's power in current and world activities is not known or recognized by the Church. As an organization, it is asleep! The things our spiritual leaders should know are not understood and the things they should teach and preach are beyond the knowledge of these leaders.

On the very day, and in accord with the divine time table, our troops landed in Africa and at the very time the God of Israel scheduled the fall of Tunisia it became an accomplished fact. Over a period of years DESTINY has been publishing *advance information* regarding the timing of events; but the atheist, agnostic, unbeliever and self-sufficient ecclesiasts have refused to recognize such evidence and that there is a God in heaven "Whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: and all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing. And he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?"

It has remained for our generation to have the demonstration made of the accuracy of prophecy and of its chronology proving beyond question the fact of a God in the very schedule of events. This will become even more evident in the *months* ahead! Atheism with all its vile literature, agnosticism with its doubts, modernism with its unbelief, ecclesiasticism with its brands of theology, all these are coming to judgment and will be discredited in the scheduled world-shaking events which, before they end, will compel the people to say, as of old when our forefathers stood on Mount Carmel with Elijah: "The Lord, he is the God, the Lord, he is the God."

## RESPONSIBILITY FOR NATIONAL ACTS

THE tendency today is to assume that only the leaders of our enemies are responsible for the acts committed by the nations with whom we are at war. While in a few cases they may have a personal responsibility, yet let us not forget that if the people of the nations warring against us support those leaders they have acquiesced in the leadership and are there-

fore as responsible as are the leaders. The very fact that the people willingly sacrifice and support the program of their government places them in the same position as the man who supports a criminal and thus in the sight of the law becomes responsible with the criminal for acts committed.

In reality, it is impossible — in most cases — to draw a line between the responsibility of the people and that of their leaders. Until a nation repudiates her government, that nation is responsible for the acts of its government. The Bible is clear in this respect!

Israel through her elders made a covenant with the Gibeonites and the people were held responsible and had to abide by the results. Japan, as a nation, is as responsible for the acts of her leaders who have willfully and in cold blood murdered American fliers, prisoners of war. It is essential to hold the leaders responsible also, but the Japanese people are supporting their *leaders in this war of aggression*. Thus the Japanese nation must be made to suffer for the misdeeds of her leaders!

Only when this fact is clearly recognized will the people of a nation turn against such leaders. Not until a people repudiate leadership of that kind can any other course be pursued. The Japanese leaders and people are alike responsible for the wanton torture and killing of helpless men and women.

Man may try to make it out otherwise, but we are at war with a race, and to single out personalities in that race as alone responsible for criminal acts when the race itself is supporting these individuals is but sentimental foolishness. The Bible furnishes examples in the way of precedence showing *race responsibility for the acts of those in office* and of the need of a people bearing the suffering and punishment resulting from maladministration within and aggression without. There is only one way for a people to escape such retribution: turn against their leaders and cleanse their government of evil men!

It is well to declare that we will bring the leaders of Germany and Japan to judgment for their acts, but it is also necessary to let the people know that they will be held responsible for the support given those leaders and from them will be exacted national judgment for having allowed their leaders to act contrary to humanitarian principles. A people cannot escape the responsibility of the acts of their government so long as they continue to accept the overlordship of that government and act in conformity with its edicts and requirements.

## ASSISTANCE FOR CHINA

MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK's tour of good will in the United States has resulted in bringing home to our people the need of immediate help to China in her struggle against Japan. Unless, as a nation, we arise to the situation and go to her immediate assistance, China may *by force of circumstances* be lost to our cause.

Are we to hesitate and will we continue to treat the Pacific war as secondary in importance to the war on other fronts? Let us not forget that there are forces at work in China that bode no good for the future of the struggle there and for the cause for which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek stands. Unless the immediate danger is recognized and real assistance given now to those who are valiantly opposing Japan, conditions in the far east will become so serious as to jeopardize our entire war effort in that area.

While the prophets show Moab will be with our enemies before the present conflict terminates, this is no reason why



we cannot support and hold part of China with us, especially the Christian leadership of that nation with its following. This can be done with the right type of assistance which would enable Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to stand against the foe without and the enemy within.

If we fail in this, the consequences will be terrific and the price we shall pay for victory over the Japanese will be doubled and trebled before we overcome the evil aggressor.

## GREAT AWAKENING AHEAD

A PERUSAL of our history reveals that in times of troubled distress great spiritual movements have swept over the nation and brought the people back to their God. For many years now, however, there has not been a truly significant spiritual revival which would make men pause and heed the warning and message of the Book.

In days gone by, hundreds of thousands have been stirred in response to a spiritual appeal which awakened not a few to a newness of life. Now, even Church leaders discuss the improbability of such an awakening taking place today.

Why? Where is the trouble and the blame?

Is it among the people or their spiritual leaders? And also, what type of message must now go out to accomplish such an awakening among the people today?

Men are completely overlooking the type and form of message that must go out in order to again awaken men to spiritual realities!

Now it is certain that many of our spiritual leaders have lost faith in the Bible as the Word of God written. Modernism, with its spirit of higher criticism, has destroyed the faith of many. Thousands, who still believe in the Word, through failure to study its pages have failed to see the type of message destined to be preached in order to awaken men to a renewed spiritual zeal.

In the days of Jesus, His disciples were called away from the formalities of Judaism to the acceptance of Him as the Messiah, the Son of God. He preached a return to God in full heart relationship and the acceptance of His teachings and their requirements. In the birth of the Church at Jerusalem, there began a period of progressive spiritual awakening as the message of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ began to be preached. Throughout the centuries, hundreds of millions have heard the message, and many have accepted it and acted upon its precepts.

Centuries later came the reformation — when the call went out to accept the authority of the Book in a great revival of the faith of our fathers. The Bible was opened, the printing press made it available to all, and the people read and studied its message. Missionary movements were born as the desire to evangelize the world spread, resulting in the gospel being taken to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Now that the end of the age is upon us, and as we face a desperate situation, the need of a spiritual revival was never more needed. The economic world structure as well as the nations are coming to judgment and a message must go out which will make an appeal of such strength as to compel people to turn to their God and King.

There is only one message adequate for such an hour as this. It is the national message of hope in the preaching of the glad tidings of the Gospel of the *Kingdom*: the true acceptance of which will solve economic and world problems. It is the message which will show the people the need of *arising to Kingdom tasks* and returning to their God given laws and administration.

Here is the message. The preaching of this will bring the

greatest revival the world has ever seen, a revival which will sweep the nation — affecting all, from the highest official to the humblest citizen in our land.

Internal strife and dissensions afflict us and our people are subject to many national vices. Selfishness, envy and covetousness are rampant in our midst as the foundation for economic security crumbles before our eyes. All these troubles are, however, to be used of the Lord as a lever to compel our people to turn unto Him in the next great spiritual awakening that will sweep our nation. It will be an awakening to the need of restoring the Kingdom and its national functions. It is of that great *national* revival the Lord is speaking when He says: "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I put within you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them."

Please take note that this revival results in a national turning to the divine law. Let the spiritual leaders in our Churches who bemoan the fact that there is no spiritual revival in our midst also note that only in the preaching of the Gospel of the *Kingdom* which will call the *nation* back to righteousness and the restoration of the administration of His laws will the hearts of the people be opened and a spirit of revival be manifest in our midst. Let our spiritual leaders study the Kingdom and proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom to our *nation* in order that the revival may come.

But, before the new spirit will be poured out upon our people, God has decreed: "I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them." That is, under pressure and adversity in the extremity of the difficulties in which we will find ourselves, ere the present troubles have ended and the economic pressure is over, we will be *compelled* to turn to God for help and He will come and save us.

The great, national, spiritual awakening which will bring us back to His laws and awaken in us a desire to administer His commandments, statutes and judgments as the law of our land will come only through proclaiming *the gospel of the Kingdom*. Then will our people awaken to a national responsibility and to the part and place we are to have in world affairs and in the maintenance of *world peace*.

This is the coming, great, *national* revival destined to soon break out in all Israel lands!

## TREATMENT OF PRISONERS

NATIONS have entered into agreement during times of peace as to the treatment of enemy captives taken in a time of war. In the present conflict, however, there has been gross mistreatment of prisoners by the Japanese and reports from Europe and on the Russian front indicate such mistreatment has not been confined to Japan alone. How are prisoners of war to be treated?

As a people, the Anglo-Saxons have been merciful to those whom they have captured in a time of war. Prisoners have been treated in a humane way: clothed, fed and cared for in sickness and health. Some of our citizens have been angry and indignant at the treatment given Japanese prisoners in face of the known facts regarding the treatment of our own men by the Japanese, but we cannot do otherwise than treat well those who are helpless and at our mercy. Any other treatment is repugnant to right thinking Americans.

In the sixth chapter of II Kings is an account of Israel's

fight with Syria. Elijah, the prophet, gave the King of Israel information regarding the plans of the enemy, which resulted in the King of Syria sending an army to take Elijah. The army encompassed the city where Elijah and his servant were residing, but the enemy was smitten with blindness and, in this condition, led into the midst of the city of Samaria where their eyes were opened and they found themselves surrounded by the Israel forces. The King of Israel said unto Elijah: "My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them?"

These were prisoners of war and so the prophet replied, "Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with the sword and with the bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master."

As Israel treated prisoners of war so we treat them today. This is the Israel way and is a demonstration of the characteristics of a people whom God has declared are to come into ultimate world rule. Germany has been tried and found wanting because of her methods of brutality towards those over whom she has power. The Japanese, whose methods of torture and cruelty are now well known, clearly demonstrates her inability to rule others in righteousness and so this heathen nation is not to come into world rulership either. That rulership is to go to the people in whose heart is His law and whose desire it is to execute judgment and establish justice and equity in the earth today.

We cannot treat prisoners of war other than mercifully, for any other attitude would be repugnant to the nature of the people who are soon — with the establishment of universal peace — to accept the responsibility, as the servants of God, of world leadership.

## AMERICA WILL NOT FORGET

JAPAN has made a demonstration of her unfitness to be numbered among civilized peoples. The cold-blooded murder of our brave flyers will never be forgotten and their deaths will yet be avenged.

Moses recited a similar case when he called upon Israel to never forget the cold-blooded destruction of many of those who were weary and fell behind the main body of Israel as they marched across the wilderness. He counseled them to blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven: "Thou shalt not forget." (Deut. 25: 17-19.)

God, Himself, swore that He would also have war from generation to generation against Amalek for the dastardly deeds committed against His people in the unprovoked attack made upon them.

No nation can forgive crimes committed within its borders nor can it fail to prosecute the criminal if it wants to continue in peace and safety. Just so, no nation can afford to overlook a wanton attack upon its sovereignty nor any atrocities committed against its nationals or armed forces and long remain independent and free.

Every American who loves his country longs for the day when Japan and

her leaders will be compelled to pay dearly for the crimes committed against us. The Japanese declaration of a plan to execute all flyers who dare to attack their land has instead of intimidating merely infuriated our people. The ticket to hell she declares she has written for our flyers who will yet bomb her island is a self-endorsed ticket which, instead of being handed to them, will be carried by her to the place she had assigned unto them!

## POLITICS AS USUAL

How many of our difficulties are directly traceable to politics? Instances are furnished throughout the history of our nation of political expediency taking precedent over merit and influencing the acts of officials.

Between elections, politicians feel free to move — even in things distasteful to the people — but as an election year approaches, political fences must be repaired. Because this is so it will be worth watching how many things that have irritated the people will be found unnecessary as an election year draws near. Already, plans are being made to ease the situation in anticipation of the forthcoming election.

Mr. Average American citizen may, however, be asking the question, as he watches this process of easement for the purpose of securing his vote, why is it only possible to show such efficiency in administration at election time? While it has been true in the past that the people have a short memory in political matters, we will be very much surprised if (with the many unnecessary interferences in the handling of the public in this time of war) the public remains wholly unmindful of what is going on. The politicians may assume that the public is going to manifest a spirit of forgetfulness in the next election, but we feel those who take this attitude are in for an awakening.

The patriotic American can take in his stride much more than he has yet been called upon to endure. It isn't the sacrificing, no matter how great, with which he is dissatisfied; but he is definitely angry at those who have burdened him with the making out of voluminous reports, many of them unintelligent to anyone other than the bureaucracy from which they issue. He is disgusted with the definite trend to interfere with his freedom of action without apparent cause.

But world conditions are very likely to alter the entire outlook before election time, as many changes now on the scheduled agenda for the next two years become history. Meanwhile it will be worth watching to see how much is actually accomplished for the good of the people as election time draws near, which the politicians were telling us could not be done in the off-years. It is a pity that the good of the country as a whole, and the prosecution of the war to a successful conclusion cannot take precedence over political expediency; for politics, as such, should be set aside for the duration. To paraphrase a biblical verse, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may the politicians forget politics."

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# Coming World Trends

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TO UNDERSTAND Bible prophecy one must first project the pattern according to promise, then compare and appraise events. Once you see in advance the promise of God identified and timed, then observe complete fulfillment, you are "inoculated." From this initial stage, continuous study and observation will lead to continuous revelation of God's plan unfolded day by day as you walk and talk with Him in the garden of life.

An excellent example is now afforded if we refer back to Chart 22 and read again the article titled *Orders of the High Command* in DESTINY for April, written February 24, 1943. So many events connected therewith, if closely and carefully connected with the revelation of Bible chronology, unfold to us the guiding hand of prophecy and the plan and pattern for future events of world importance.

## German-Russian War Reveals Three Key Dates of Transition

In the lower left-hand corner of this chart as shown on page 134 of DESTINY for April, attention was called to the initial date of the conflict: June 21, 1941 — and to transition dates indicated by the terminal measures of 666 days. These dates are April 9, 1943 Lunar, April 18, 1943 Mean, and April 27, 1943 Solar respectively.

1) Under the Lunar date named it was revealed that the time had arrived when Russia and the United States would be forced into a more complete understanding regarding their mutual assurance and ultimate objectives, both as to the completion of the war and as to plans for the peace to follow. By this date the importance of this question began to take on major proportions.

2) Under the Mean date, news was released (See New York Times of April 19, page 2: "Reuter Dispatch from Moscow") that the Germans alleged the discovery of the bodies of 10,000 Polish officers near Smolensk, and that charges and counter-charges between Germany and Russia were passing on the subject. Reuters, under the same date line from London, announced the Polish Cabinet had instructed the International Red Cross to investigate.

3) Under the Solar date following Russia's formal severance of diplomatic relations with the exiled Polish government on the 26th, the matter was referred to Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt for action in an effort to heal the breach within the United Nations.

Thus was revealed the three stages of transition: first in "moonlight," then by "dawn," followed by *the clear open breach*. The significance of this must be considered in the light of the fact that modern Poland was born in the Treaty of Versailles, that the Treaty of Versailles was the cradle of World War II, and that Germany's aggression in Poland was the last straw which brought England into World War II. Now when Russia stakes her claim for her spoils of aggression to include for herself exactly what started the war with Germany, the final breach which eliminates any possibility of ultimate peace by agreement with Russia is perfectly clear!

Both the author of II Esdras and the author of Revelation tell us that the three beasts (Fascist, Nazi and Communist) have one mind, or stem from one body. Germany concocted the propaganda on the subject of the Polish Massacre, and Russia coöperated. The action of the exiled government of Poland was only incidental. One mind directed the whole affair. This is why the moves can be timed by chronology, which identifies the power behind the events. The breach will not be healed. It was hatched for a purpose. All efforts to appease Russia will fail. She does not want to be appeased, she has other objectives. They are foretold in prophecy.

## History Checks with Prophecy

Let us now closely observe how recent important events have coincided with trends interpreted from prophecy in the original article and chart.

The three terminal dates from October 10, 1938 of the 1600-day measure were interpreted to identify events which would reveal the transition of German domination into Russian domination as the history of these days reveal fulfillment of the prophecy of II Esdras 11: 35. Here we are told that the head upon the right side devoured it that was upon the left side. Identifying Communism as the head upon the right

side and Nazism as that upon the left, the time had arrived for the beginning of the absorption or transition of Nazism into Communism. The Lunar terminal, February 2, 1943, was marked by the loss of the German-Stalingrad army. The Mean terminal by defeat in the Caucasus. The Solar, March 21, 1943, marked the beginning of the final loss of Tunisia. On this date Mr. Churchill, in a radio speech, said: "The British Eighth Army in southwest Tunisia is on the move against the Mareth Line." Two days later (the third day perfected) on March 23, 1943, the Mareth Line collapsed. Note here that this date, March 23, 1943, is also the Lunar date of complete desolation (7 times 1290) from the armistice or false peace of November 11, 1918. It, therefore, is a Lunar milepost indicating the cause and the initiation of the peace move to occur from this date to December 11, 1943. Significance of the news here is in the fact that Tunisia had been depended upon by the Nazis as the fort of protection against invasion of the continent at this point. It was planned to protect Italy (referred to by Mr. Churchill as "the soft under-belly") from being a gateway to the continent. If the Mareth Line is to collapse and Tunisia is to be lost, Germany is forced to seek peace or to trade with either the Democracies or with Russia. The Democracies at Casablanca, however, have stated their terms as "unconditional surrender." If Russia's plans for world dominance through world revolution is to be executed, and she shall certainly try it, then she must act to "devour" Germany before her resources fall to the Democracies. Thus we have clearly before us the pattern for our summer's reading: *A peace blitz loaded with propaganda and diplomatic intrigue and a breach between Russia and the Anglo-Saxon Nations*. Other dates in this false peace program will be referred to later in this article.

## Three German Reversals

Now let us connect the three terminal dates of the 8th cycle of desolation from August 5, 1914. Prophetic interpretation indicated that these dates should reveal means by which Germany should suffer reversal.



1) On the Lunar date, June 9, 1942, announcement was made that the United States and Britain were to *pool their production and food*. This was in complete conformity to the story of The Book which identifies Britain as Ephraim and the United States as Manasseh and assigns to them the rôle of leadership of the nations of Israel in the conflict.

2) On the Mean date, November 6, 1942, our combined forces moved from Gibraltar on North Africa — North Africa being identified geographically by the 18th chapter of Isaiah\* (there, also, the United States is indicated as the source from which others of Israel were to come). This invasion marked the arrival of the forces of the United States in active participation of the war on the other continent.

3) On the Solar date, April 5, 1943, the first raid by the northwest African air force planes (the combination of the air force of the British Eighth Army with that of the United States) was made on Naples.

Now, putting the news of these three terminal events together for the over-all view, we see that Hitler's reversal is brought about by the pooling of production and food of Britain and the United States and through the arrival of forces from the United States for complete participation in which *the deciding factor shall be our combined air power*.

Further indication of this is the terminal 286-day mark of March 22, 1943. Our newspaper headlines the next morning tell the story: "Battle of Tunisia Opens" . . . "British and United States Troops Advance." Note that this terminal date, March 22, 1943, is also the Solar terminal indicating the solution or blessedness (7 times 1335). Stemming from the date of American entrance into World War I, April 6, 1917, how perfectly it announces the solution as full and complete coöperation of the Anglo-Saxon Nations!

### *The Armies are Joined*

Now let us observe the Solar terminal, June 25, 1942, from Hitler's point of beginning, October 10, 1938, when his armies were established in the Sudeten Land. On this date, June 25, 1942, the United States Army created its European command as the War Department announced that our operations would be under Major General Dwight D. Eisenhower. On the same

\*See Isaiah's Vision of the United States in DESTINY for January, 1943; also, *Ho to The Land Shadowed With Wings* in DESTINY for December, 1942.

date, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill conferred in Washington and Mr. Churchill "indicated that Britain would hold and that there is no danger of losing Egypt and Suez." *Two hundred and eighty-six days thereafter*, which was April 7, 1943, the United States forces and the Eighth Army of the British were joined in Tunisia.

In the article written February 24, 1943 (which appeared in the April issue of DESTINY) the writer in an effort to interpret the meaning of this important date said: "I expect to see the Axis Forces driven from North Africa by this action to be completed by the date April 7, 1943, as shown." It seemed impossible, if the two armies joined, for the German Forces to remain in Tunisia. Yet there was left the small pocket in the north peninsula and the armies were faced with the test of driving them into the sea. At this writing it appears that this test period shall consume forty days, the familiar Bible period for such an effort, and if so, the job should be completed around May 17, 1943. It is interesting to observe that this date is 666 days Lunar [657] before March 4, 1945. It was also stated that our success here would not please Joseph Stalin even though it forced Germany to a decision. The ultimate decision forced upon Germany was also interpreted to mean surrender, but surrender to Russia unless a separate peace could be negotiated.

### *Salvation from the Air*

This brings us to a further investigation of the effect of the successful Tunisian campaign on the agreement announced June 11, 1942, between Russia and Britain and the United States. Let us observe the three terminal dates of displacement [286] from the announcement.

1) On the Lunar date, March 20, 1943, we have the announcement by Major General Eaker, United States Eighth Air Force Commander in Great Britain, that the combined United States and British air forces will be "very nearly" the size of the R.A.F. in "the very near future." Here is the moonlight view of what is to follow.

2) On the Mean terminal date of March 24, 1943, Major General Eaker stated that the period of experimentation had passed and that the force will assume full partnership with the R.A.F. by *mid-summer* when it will bomb Axis targets by night as well as by day.

3) On the Solar date of March 28, 1943, the Allied *air offensive* was given

*credit for making the victory* [of destruction of the Mareth Line] *possible*. Today we read news of the activities of the R.A.F. and the U.S.A.A.F. (United States Army Air Force) in joined action as Bizerte and Tunis fall. Both Bizerte and Tunis fell Friday, May 7, 1943, 666 days before March 5, 1945, pointing to a single day of *Russian* identity to those who *study* all of DESTINY articles. This marks the final 10 days of the campaign.

As to the part that this combined powerful force is to play in the "mid-summer" the indicated pattern goes back to earlier days.

It is perfectly clear now that the Spanish War which began July 18, 1936, was the proving ground for the war machine of the dictators for the planned global contest. In DESTINY for September, 1940, page 11, attention was called to the fact that on this date (July 18, 1936) a warship was sunk in the Mediterranean by bombs from an airplane, the first in the history of the warfare of the world. Referring to the significance of this news, we quote from the article written nearly three years ago:

"Immediately the thought came: Here is the *weapon of war* by which the dictator nations of Europe, representing the final phase of the Nebuchadnezzian succession, hope to displace [286] the British war power in order to remove the one major power that could successfully interfere with their plans for world dominance."

Now let us remember the promise of Isaiah 54: 17 that "no weapon that is formed against thee [Israel] shall prosper," and inquire as to the time under which Israel will have to suffer such punishment.

The period of Israel's punishment is well established as "seven times," which is 2,520 days. In this period of the world's history, namely, the judgment of the nations, this measure is a day for a day. Therefore we should expect the terminal dates of this measure from July 18, 1936, to reveal the three stages marking the period when the United Nations shall emerge into domination of the air over Germany.

1) The Lunar terminal is May 6, 1943, and, as the headlines of my newspaper on the morning of the seventh state: "Axis Planes Abandon Tunisia — Allied Forces in Complete Air Victory."

2) The Mean terminal date is June 12, 1943.

3) The Solar terminal date is July 19, 1943.



We have every reason therefore, from the facts before us, to interpret events around the date June 12, 1943, to reveal another major stage of air supremacy by the United Nations. The facts suggest that it will occur in the Mediterranean since it started in the Mediterranean. They further suggest that it will be connected with the campaign following that in Tunisia which almost puts the finger of identification on the Italian islands between Tunisia and Italy. If such a major engagement is in action on this date at this locality, it certainly will involve other troops as well and therefore suggests the intensive period of the invasion of these islands. Information in the article titled *Complete Displacement of Our Enemies* and accompanying Chart 19, which appeared in DESTINY for January, 1943, suggests that Italy shall be the location which shall mark the event on the Solar date of July 19, 1943. If Italy, the middle head, is to be displaced within the over-all dates (July 15, 1943 to August 24, 1943) shown there, then the campaign must be very intense on this 19th day of July and the suggestion of a major victory in the air by the combined forces of Britain and the United States might well be the event of decisive importance in the campaign.

Allied victories will intensify peace drives from dictators. Italy's predicament will no doubt be a major factor bearing on the news of August 2, 1943 (shown in Chart 22, DESTINY for April) to mark the Mean terminal date in connection with the false peace. Certainly Germany will be forced closer to a decision. The closer we come to victory over Germany, the closer are we to the complete breach with Russia. Russia has no thought of letting Britain and the United States "get there first."

The inflation spiral and cost of global war on the present scale, fed by the

excitement of events, will bring to focus the economic crisis — August 11, 1943 to August 21, 1943 — as shown in DESTINY for June, 1940.

### *The "Final Line-up"*

Based on the facts in the Bible, delay of *complete* victory by the United Nations is due to the fact that we have some nations in the group supposedly our allies which are not of Israel and God will not permit complete victory until they are displaced. Read again the story of Gideon's army. Hear God's answer in Judges 7: 2 —

"The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying mine own hand hath saved me."

Had this large group been permitted victory, God would not have received the credit; so also in the case of the United Nations today. Not until it is clear beyond a doubt that God gives the victory shall victory come, and that to Israel and to Israel alone. Step by step as Tunisia is destroyed and Italy is invaded we come closer to an open break with Russia.

Closely allied with this is the possible collapse of the Chiang Kai Shek government in China, following which China would almost certainly go Communistic. Thus would *two* nations not of Israel stock be *displaced* from the United Nations. This is suggested by the measure shown in Chart 22 from August 2, 1943 to March 3-4, 1945, which is *two displacements*. This would force Turkey's decision unfavorable to the Allies. The attempts at peace will fail and I think the pattern will follow the time chart indicated. After a "shortened" period of intense diplomatic movements, all of which will finally collapse, the curtain arises on the last act of this global show.

### *Warning!*

Italy (the head in the midst, II Esdras 11: 33) "suddenly appeared no more." The land and people exist. What happens? The Italian empire is now "no more." Soon what is left of Italy today will go the same route — or become "German." Thus there will be "No more Italy" *as it now appears*.

The fulfillment of II Esdras 12: 26 (the great head which "appeared no more" signifieth that one of them shall die upon his bed, and in great pain) may be two-fold:

a) Italian aggression becomes the victim of the German aggression it imitated.

b) If I were managing a life insurance company which held a policy on the life of Mussolini I would want a clause to make it of no value between the dates of July 15, 1943, and August 24, 1943, for fear the decision might be in favor of his stomach ulcer or heart failure within the period.

Germany will not collapse. She will make her choice between complete surrender to the United Nations or compromise and co-operation with Russia — and choose the latter course.

When *her* period of displacement comes (suggested to be within the over-all period of the sixth displacement cycle of Chart 19) her coöperation with Russia will have reached the stage described in II Esdras 11: 35 as "*Devoured*."

Now when a "bear" swallows a "pig" (in this case one into whom the devil was cast) you see *only the bear* because the pig is devoured. The strength and substance of the pig is revealed outwardly *only* by the strength and activity of the bear. Thus is the bear fortified to fight a "lion" when he feels sufficiently strong.

## *Prophecy Vindicated*

WE ARE approaching the final phases of the war; never again after this war ends will another war be permitted by Almighty God, upon this earth of ours.

To those who have checked up Scriptured prophecy with history to date, it is clear that what prophecy told before the event the world has enacted during the indicated period, and historians have written after the event. It is manifest that it matters little whether we take the Bible and read down the stream of time with the Prophets, or take the

standard histories written by modern secular historians and read upwards against the stream of time; *we are reading the same story*.

God's debt to history is nearly paid.

History's answer to prophecy is nearly complete.

The balance is struck. No firm of auditors or chartered accountants have ever balanced a more perfect account nor seen the working out of another such great undertaking in the history of the world.

# From the Cradle to the Grave

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**F**REEDOM from want has ever been the goal of man in his desire to escape the hazards of life. Once man experienced such freedom but, possessing the liberty of choice, he finally elected to disobey the law, the keeping of which would have given continued prosperity and which would have provided for every human need. But though man turned away from the perfection of the plan of God there is the promise of the ultimate restoration of this paradise which he so lightly esteemed and so quickly lost. Its restoration is not to result from the institution of a program of regimentation under bureaucratic control, for the simple reason that excellency in administration of justice is impossible until the divine laws of perfection are accepted and kept by man. In none of the proposed plans for a postwar freedom from want are those laws mentioned or even taken into consideration, showing such plans to be just man-made blueprints for a new order in accord with man's ideas but who in his liberty of choice has refused to turn to the God-given program for peace and prosperity, compliance with which would eliminate poverty, distress and want from our midst.

In the course of human history, great changes have come as a result of conflict and war. One of those changes occurred when our forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence, followed later by the writing of our Constitution. The preamble to that Constitution sets forth in fifty-two words a five-point program: the fulfillment of which would assure security from the cradle to the grave. The purpose as set forth in this preamble to our Constitution is clear, and because its outlined objectives should be that of all those who are looking for the establishment of an order of life which will bring freedom from want, this statement of our forefathers is worthy of full consideration.

"We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America."

Every proposed postwar plan should be carefully checked against the following five points as set forth in this preamble.

- 1) Establish justice.
- 2) Insure domestic tranquillity.
- 3) Provide for the common defense.
- 4) Promote the general welfare.
- 5) Secure the blessings of liberty.

Let us examine this list carefully, for the solution of human problems does not lie in changing the original purpose for which governments came into being, a purpose sanctioned by God, nor in changing or discounting the reasons for the writing of the Constitution of the United States, but in a restoration of the administration of laws that already exist, the keeping of which will assure the blessings of all these five points and more also — even freedom from want. We challenge those who propose to set up a form of government that will make everyone conscious of government in his business, domestic and private life and that, instead of thus attaining their desired end (that is, tranquillity and peace) will but establish inequalities, injustice, tyranny and oppression.

Fundamental to righteous government is the establishment of justice. What, then, is justice? It is conformity in conduct or practice to the principles of right and is the maintenance and administration of that which is just. Now the dictionary defines just as "Conforming to spiritual law, righteous, especially before God." To establish justice, then, in the postwar period would require the maintenance and administration of that which is right in the sight of God.

Class legislation that would penalize one group of citizens in favor of another, or take the property and possessions of some and give it to others, could not be considered just if both rich and poor have the same opportunities to work and labor and acquire possessions under laws that would insure free, equitable and just distribution of the bounties of God. Without property rights, properly defined and protected, there can be no domestic tranquillity for any people.

No other question is so important and vital to humanity in the establishment of an orderly and peaceful social system than the right of ownership.

Just as God has already written the terms of a lasting peace,\* so also He has set forth the one and only program which will insure social and economic security from the cradle to the grave. That security will come only in the administration of those laws which are just in His sight. A detailed study of these laws is presented in *Digest of the Divine Law* † and so it is not necessary to repeat any of them here, but rather to show how, under their operation and administration, there will come assurance of the security men are seeking as they plan to protect a man from the suffering resultant from present life hazards. While man-made plans will not bring such protection, yet in the providence of God there is a system of law, the keeping of which will give social security in a full and complete realization of the desire of all men!

A heritage of birth for every child should be a right to health and protection as well as to parental love and care until the age of maturity. Surroundings and environment should be of such a nature that the child would have all the advantages necessary for proper development, and God intended exactly that — in an orderly society conforming with the requirements of His laws of perfection. Under those laws every safeguard is placed around the individual and family in the recognition of the importance of family life. The government exists to protect the family and not the family to support the government. There is only one justification for the existence of a government: to protect the home and the individual! When those entrusted with governmental authority lose sight of this one purpose, suffering and tyranny afflict a nation.

If the family is secured, the child is protected from the time of birth to the day of maturity. Also, with perfection in the functions of family life, the child is completely shielded from the hazards of life — with all provisions made for his care.

Proposed postwar planning in which the government is to assume parental care of the young during the days of

\* See *PEACE, The Terms Have Already Been Written*, DESTINY for May, 1943.

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their childhood and until they come to maturity, caring for the sick, supplying clothing, food and seeing that such are properly educated is not a governmental function. It is a government assuming parental obligations which should be left with the home. If the family is failing to function properly in these matters the trouble is with the law in its failure to protect the family, enabling the head of the house to care for those dependent upon him. Rather than a government stepping in and assuming family obligations, that government should restore the laws which would give ample protection to the family in all of its functions and provide the head of the house with the means for meeting all his obligations.

Oppressive laws and financial levies that prevent the head of a household from providing for his own are responsible for most, if not all, of the difficulties today. The restoration of family life to the place God assigned to it, with the protections He set forth in His laws for the security of the home, will give all and much more to the child than can possibly be provided by a meddling government undertaking to regiment and control its citizens during the years of their adolescence.

The law of the Lord provides an inheritance for the family in the land. Literally every family under that law was to have a homestead free from all taxation, with personal property and possessions also free from tax levies. Think what this would mean to the family and its security? It would mean a home and possessions free from confiscatory levies with the head of the household always assured of a place in which his family can live and land from which they can secure a living; and every child born into that household assured of food and shelter from the day of his birth to the time he would be ready to acquire a homestead of his own.

Such security was possible because no taxes were levied against real or personal property, all possessions being free from taxation; taxes were paid from a man's increase or earnings only. This tax was in the form of a tithe which was on a strictly pay-as-you-go plan and when paid in accord with the law of all the tithes amounted to about a fifth of a man's income. Under such a system of taxation, the very day a man's income ceased he also ceased to pay taxes and, his possessions being free from tax levies, he therefore could live and enjoy the remaining years of his life in a full knowledge of social security

through an inheritance in the land and an absolute ownership in his homestead and possessions.

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What is the situation today under our present laws? We fine the prosperous, penalize the industrious and reward the shiftless by a system of taxation which confiscates the property of the unfortunates who are unable to meet governmental levies. When a man's earnings cease the government continues to oppress him and finally takes his property to satisfy tax warrants and then makes him a subject of charity. The postwar planners now propose, instead of sending such to the poor farm, to make them the wards of the government and are undertaking to label such regulation and control as a new order of the ages.

The solution is not through governmental control but in the keeping of laws which will secure the family in its possessions and protect them from all unjust levies which are definitely responsible for misery, suffering and want among our people. With a just and equitable system of taxation, based on income and increase only, which will leave every man in possession of his property, there will be financial protection and freedom from want *from the cradle to the grave*. At death a man's possessions will pass as an inheritance to his family, unimpaired by governmental seizure through inheritance taxes. Thus the homestead rights, with the family assets, would continue to provide a home and living for the relatives of the deceased.

Freedom from want and security from the cradle to the grave can only be attained by providing the God-ordained protection for the family and securing a man and his household against the present and future hazards of life. The family is also protected in that a man can not sell forever the homestead. He could sublet or lease for a time only. Such domestic tranquillity can never be secured by any program of regimentation and such attainment of security is only possible by the restoration of the family to its proper place in relation to the laws of the Lord regarding an inheritance in the land and freedom from confiscatory taxation.

From the time of a man's maturity to the day when he ceases from all his labors, because of old age, is the period of real production and life's activities. During these years the thrifty and industrious acquire their possessions and make a name for themselves. Real se-

curity during the years of maturity depends upon equitable administration of laws fundamentally right, under an economic system just to all. This period in the life of man is the time when he must lay a foundation that will bring prosperity to him and assure adequate security when old age overtakes him. Unless such protection is given him, then regardless of how thrifty, industrious or hardworking he may be there will be no certainty of the future when the day of production is over.

We call our world order civilized and yet one of the disgraceful sights to which few pay much attention is the multitude of men and women who walk the streets of all our cities, broken in health and spirit, because after the age of usefulness under present conditions they find their hope gone and their earnings inadequate for present needs. Study their faces and one will find written in the lines upon those faces the despair and hopelessness of old age. Some are thus afflicted because of their own foolishness; multitudes, however, are but victims of an economic situation beyond their control as they became a prey to a systematic confiscation of their earnings and of their possessions. Impoverished, without hope, and subject to charity, they often become a burden to their friends and families who also are subject to like oppression, and thus as a result many of the aged go to their graves in sorrow and despair.

Life for multitudes of the aged does not end on the high note of achievement to be followed by a period of well-earned rest during the few remaining years of life as would be the case for the thrifty and industrious under the operation of Divine law. It isn't charity such want, nor do they seek or wish to be subjected to governmental supervision, with its inquisitory questionnaires and pompous officialdom. What they need and desire is the right to work and acquire possessions with that assurance of security and protection which stems from the operation of laws that will give full and adequate protection for a man in all that he does. When old age comes a man will then be able to retain his self-respect and pass on to his family and loved ones an inheritance, and after his decease, leave a name long to be remembered and honored.

As a nation, we have sold our birthright and heritage (the perfection of the administration of Divine law) for a mess of pottage: the Babylonian system of economic oppression and injustice,



under which system the labor and earnings of a man are taken from him and he is impoverished so that in his declining years he lives in destitution and want, or becomes the subject of charity.

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Next to the right in a homestead and possessions is the need of an equitable and just system of exchange which will preserve values and become a true storage of wealth. Only thus can men hope to preserve the value of wealth which they create. The first and primary storage of wealth is a man's home and possessions and next is the medium through which he carries on his business transactions. Until that medium becomes a true storage of wealth there will be destructive speculation, falling values and fluctuating prices: bringing destitution and want, even in the midst of plenty. Instead of correcting these evils, men move to add evil to evil by allowing the very conditions that have impoverished a people, destroyed the security of the family and which has been responsible for poverty and squalor, to continue unabated. All this evil can only be removed by a return to the principles of law outlined above. Then will come the security and blessings of a true and lasting prosperity that will need no planner's blueprint to assure its operation. Instead of the would-be planners for an Utopian age advocating a return to the God-given system, it is proposed to add to our difficulties by a centralization of control over our citizens and thus complete the final phase of the destruction of individual and family independence by removing every semblance of liberty and that freedom of action which, in the past, has made our nation great, comprising the very principles which compelled our forefathers to sign the Declaration of Independence and write the Constitution and its preamble!

The solution for our problems will become manifest when there comes a full recognition that the sole purpose for the existence of any government is the preservation of family life as well as to guard the liberty and freedom of the individual, protecting the right to inherit and own property free from confiscatory laws that harass and worry men. A system of slavery with benevolent taskmasters gives the slave freedom from want, protection from the hazards of life, with provision made for food, clothing and physical care as well as security from the cradle to the grave.

But who wants to be a slave? The price is the loss of liberty. No slave can have and enjoy the heritage of men born free. The would-be social planners for the postwar period propose to substitute for the taskmaster a benevolent government with bureaucratic control and through regimentation institute a system of mass slavery that will as surely take from men their liberty, the loss of which heritage will be a blow to all freedom.

Primarily, we want liberty; and with liberty, freedom from want. We certainly do not want the security of servitude and slavery now being offered to us by the plans of the regimentators. The only way that freedom from want can be given to men without instituting a system of regimentation and slavery is to restore the laws of freedom as given by God, because under those laws will come full protection for the family and for all individuals in that family. This is the road to freedom from want and any other path will lead but to confusion, trouble, and ultimate enslavement of body, soul and spirit.

When the laws that will give the security to which every family and individual is entitled are in full operation, then will come the fulfillment of the prophet's declaration, "They shall sit every man under his vine and fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it." Also, in the assurance of that security, Isaiah declares, "They shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them." All this will become possible for, under the law of the Lord, there will be no interest-bearing indebtedness nor tax levies against possessions.

Contrasting these conditions with

those now extant, the prophet states of this time to come when the law is being observed,

"They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands."

Such enjoyment is impossible today with the constant fear of confiscation through unjust taxation which confiscation becomes a certainty in the lives of many as they near the end of life. That for which they have labored and the earnings of a lifetime can quickly disappear through confiscation of property as is well known to many today. So the prophet continues regarding the activities of men in the coming new order of the ages, "They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble."

One need but review the cases of multitudes of our citizens to recognize how many have labored in vain and that which they have acquired as a result of such labor has been a trouble and a perplexity unto them. This is evidenced in the oft repeated statement of those who have been burdened with the financial responsibilities of meeting levies against their possessions, "Blessed is nothing."

Under the law of the Lord the people of God were blessed in their possessions and welcomed the bounties that God poured out upon them. Today that bounty can become a burden, and until we recognize the fundamental laws of righteous administration, with the regulations for the protection of the independence and liberty of the individual and family, there can be no real social security for men of freedom. The only substitute that can be offered and is now being handed out as the plan for an Utopian age is but the enslavement of the masses under a system of regimentation and control which will further increase the discontent and troubles of our people.

"We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night" when if we would but read the Book of instruction we would have light, for in the knowledge and acceptance of the law of the Lord is the solution of the problems for which we so blindly grope and as we grope stumble along in ever increasing difficulties that contribute to an intensification of our sufferings.

Security from the day of a man's birth to the day of His death is so simple that it is hard for men to find the way; because they refuse to believe God, accept His Word, and keep His laws.

## Divine Help

"OUR CASE is outstandingly righteous, but there are surely things in our national and individual lives which are not.

"I am convinced that, as soon as our nation humbly and confidently acknowledges this, God's intervention and help will be strikingly and sweepingly forthcoming, just as it was after the official Day of Prayer on August 4th, 1918.

"We rightly have the fullest confidence in the courage and skill of our fighting forces, who have proved their worth so often, and in the grit and determination of our people.

"But at the end of everything it must be on God that we rely — the God Who answers prayer."

— GENERAL SIR WILLIAM G. S. DOBBIE



# An "Affirmation of Faith"

By HENRY P. PORTER

RESPONDING to a call sent out by the American Board of Missions to the Jews, a "Congress on Prophecy" was held late last year in Calvary Baptist Church, New York.

It was refreshing to know that in the greatest city of our nation, in a time of war of such magnitude and seriousness, demanding all the energies of our people, God-loving leaders of various denominational faiths should come together in public meetings, discuss the times in which we live, the grave national and spiritual issues involved and the part which the Word of God has in the affairs of men and nations.

The Congress presented an *Affirmation of Faith* which was enthusiastically received by the large audience. It bore the signatures of thirty-five ministers, teachers and Christian workers from many parts of the country.

From the Orthodox, or Fundamentalist point of view, it is a masterly presentation of Fundamentalist principles. It recognizes the truth and potency of Bible prophecy, and makes declaration regarding the inerrancy of the Bible (all of which, or much of which, our "Modern" churches reject in whole or in part), and represents the thoughts of members and leaders in those churches which continue to stand firmly, irrevocably, for the worship of Jesus Christ and His Gospel of Salvation.

As a believer also in the inerrancy of the Word of God, its history, its covenants, its prophecies, its doctrines, its revelation of Jesus Christ the only Begotten Son of God, His substitutionary death on Calvary, His bodily resurrection, His body the Church, His coming again, first for His saints (both those that are "asleep" and those that are "alive and remain") and then with His saints, in all this there is accord. The content of DESTINY throughout past years provides abundant evidence of this belief.

However, this *Affirmation of Faith* of the New York Congress on Prophecy, embodied in four "solemn convictions," contains statements which are not borne out in Scripture. Would to God that those who planned and directed the thoughts of this Convention on Prophecy had studied the Bible from the standpoint of its plain, easy-to-read-and-understand statements, and not

from the regimented standpoint which has controlled the thought and writings of many Bible expositors. These misconceptions, made substantially articles of faith in Orthodox Churches, tend towards disbelief in God's Word because, not supported by Scripture, they raise doubts in the minds of the people.

Examine in the light of Scripture some of the statements in the *Affirmation*. In "solemn conviction" No. 1, "*The 70th week of Daniel*." It is the teaching of the Fundamentalists that there is a wide gap, or parenthesis of time, between the 69th and 70th "weeks" which "the man Gabriel" made known to Daniel (Dan. 9: 21-27). There is no Scripture which supports this belief, nor any foundation for such an interpreting of the words of Gabriel. The Angel said to Daniel:

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city."

Who were "thy people"? The captives, with Daniel, in Babylonia.

Who were these captives? The survivors from the tribe of Judah, tribe of Benjamin and some of the Levites. The house of Israel had seceded from the rule of David's house after the death of Solomon in 975 B.C. (II Kings 25; II Chron. 11: 12-14; Ezra 1: 5).

What do "seventy weeks" mean in time? Based upon the biblical rule of "each day for a year" (Num. 14: 34) practically all Bible commentators and expositors agree that the 70 weeks are 490 years. Now if Gabriel said "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people, and upon thy holy city," which he did, is it Scriptural to say 69 weeks, or 483 years, apply to part of these verses and that the 70th week (or 7 last years) is to be carried forward 1900 and more years for later fulfillment? Also, is it permissible to apply this 70th week to the Church and the departed saints at the time of Tribulation at the end of the age? To both of these questions the answer is, "No."

The Angel Gabriel said, "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people, and upon thy holy city." The "people" were the Jews, the "holy city" was Jerusalem. Proceed, step by step, with the Bible. There are six events in verse 24, note them carefully for they are specific and definite!

1) "*To finish the transgression*." The transgression of God's laws and commandments by Judah which caused their overthrow, and captivity in Babylonia, was to come to its fullest measure in the betrayal and crucifixion of the Son of God. "Ye denied the Holy One and the Just . . . and killed the Prince of life." (Acts 3: 14 and 15.) In the parable of Jesus, the householder sent his son saying: "They will reverence my son," but "they caught him, and cast him out," "and slew him." (Matt. 21: 33-41.)

2) "*To make an end of sins*." The death by crucifixion of Christ, who offered Himself without spot to God as a sacrifice for sin (Heb. 9: 14). "But now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." (Heb. 9: 26.)

3) "*To make reconciliation for iniquity*." By His atoning blood. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." (II Cor. 5: 19.)

4) "*To bring in everlasting righteousness*." Ushered in by the Son of God. "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption." (I Cor 1: 30.)

5) "*To seal up the vision and prophecy*." Which was fulfilled. Jesus said: "For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John." (Matt. 11: 13.) Peter said: "But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled." (Acts 3: 18.)

6) "*To anoint the Most Holy*." The angel said to Mary: "That Holy Thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1: 35.) Jesus said: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach." (Luke 4: 18.) And John bare record, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him — and bare record that this is the Son of God." (John 1: 32-34.)

Now note that verse 25 of Daniel 9 is just as specific and definite as verse 24.

"Know, therefore, and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, unto Messiah the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks."

Nothing ambiguous about this. We have a starting date, a terminal date, and the interim time of 69 weeks, or 483 years. What does the Scripture say?

Artaxerxes, king of Persia (Ezra 6: 14) gave the commandment "to restore and build Jerusalem" in 458-457 B.C. Other decrees were issued by Artaxerxes and other Medo-Persian kings, but the decree of 457 is the one fulfilling the requirements of Gabriel's announcement. 483 years after 457 brings us to 27 A.D. Jesus Christ was born in 4 B.C., and thus "about thirty years of age" came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1: 14, 15). If the question is asked: "What time?" there is but one answer — *the time announced by Gabriel, recorded by Daniel and known by Jesus Christ!*

The word Messiah means "anointed." Thus we read in Daniel 9: 25, "Unto the anointed one." Regarding the "Prince," reference to Acts 3: 15, 5: 31; Rev. 1: 5 will show Him to be Jesus Christ.

It is thus seen from the foregoing that the 69 weeks of Daniel 9 brought us unto "Messiah the Prince," viz. the beginning of His ministry when He was "about thirty years of age."

The fact that the command of Artaxerxes was given in 458-457 B.C. and that Jesus Christ was anointed 483 years thereafter proves that the 70th week must immediately follow, and not be made a separated "week" and only in effect after the passage of nearly 2000 years, as some teach. Nothing could be more plain.

Verse 25 of Daniel 9 also says: "*The street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.*"

Nehemiah 4: 6 says: "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together: for the people had a mind to work." (See also Ezra 10: 9.)

Verse 26 of Daniel 9, first part, says: "*And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself.*" It must be noted that the "threescore and two weeks" of verse 25 is repeated in verse 26. It is not a new, nor another 62 weeks. Various expositors have interpreted these 62 weeks differently than the plain clear statement. Take particular note that the "seven weeks" precede the "threescore and two weeks." It should, therefore, be easy to see that the prophecy of 69 weeks is a first period of 7 weeks and an immediately following 62 weeks, the "seven weeks" indicating a jubilee period of 49 years

for the building of Jerusalem and the sanctuary.

The prophecy says: "*After threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off.*" Don't forget that little single word "after" because it is the connecting link with the 70th week.

The 62 weeks cover a period of history of the Jewish nation, a period of historical time, following the first 7 weeks. These 62 weeks terminated when Jesus began His ministry. After the "threescore and two weeks" and during the 70th week the six predictions of verse 24, as outlined heretofore, were fulfilled and Messiah was "cut off." How could the 70th week be pushed into the long future years in view of this word "after"?

If the quoted "Affirmation of Faith" of the New York Congress on Prophecy in reference to the 70th week is correct, then none of the predictions of verse 24 have taken place, nor has Messiah been "cut off." But that doesn't make sense.

Verse 26 of Daniel 9 states: "*And the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.*"

Reference to Matthew 23 (especially verses 27-39), to Matthew 24: 1-2, to Luke 21: 24, and to history itself provides ample evidence as to the meaning of the prediction. Because Jesus well knew the prophecy of Gabriel and stated that the Jews would put Him to death, that He would be "cut off, but not for Himself," He made known to His disciples what the consequences would be for this fearful act. No time is given in Daniel 9 as to when "the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary," except that it was to follow the cutting off of Messiah, because it could not come until the Messiah was "cut off." If one desires to know how literally the latter part of verse 26 was fulfilled, he has only to read the record left by the historian, Josephus, himself a Jewish General.

Verse 27 of Daniel 9:

"*And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease.*"

Read those first eleven words again. Once again! Why? So that you will fix in your mind the word *confirm*. By some biblical legerdemain or other, not a few expositors change the word *confirm* to "make." Why? In order to conform to the "theory" that the 70th week is a separated week from the 69th week and carried many centuries forward; also,

to support the equally *unbiblical theory* that the "he" whom Gabriel said would "confirm the covenant" refers to the anti-Christ and, as they say, "he will make a covenant with the Jews for one week." Note the quotation just used. This is why:

Some months ago a leading Fundamentalist weekly magazine published the query of a western subscriber seeking information upon this phase of "Daniel's Seventy Weeks," and was answered in these words: "Daniel clearly states that the anti-Christ will make a covenant with the Jews for one week." This writer wrote to that Editor: "The Scripture says: 'And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week'; which he did. But *you* say, 'Daniel (9: 27) clearly states that the anti-Christ will make a covenant with the Jews for one week.' What a twisting of the Word of God."

This incident is included here because that Editor's answer to his subscriber was not unusual; unfortunately it is the teaching of many Bible expositors.

How easy to understand are the statements of the Angel Gabriel — if the words he uttered are not tampered with! The Bible will always speak for itself if given a chance.

Now what was "the covenant"? It was the New Covenant given in Jeremiah 31: 31-33 and which Paul emphasized in his epistle to the Hebrews (Heb. 8: 10-13; see also Rom. 15: 8). The "he" of Daniel 9: 27 is Christ, *not* anti-Christ. It is our Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ, the "Messenger of the covenant" (Mal. 3: 1), also the "Mediator of the covenant." (Heb. 8: 6; 12: 24.) The covenant He made was the New Covenant to be made with Israel (Jer. 31: 31-33) and of which *all* believers in Jesus Christ partake (see I Cor. 12: 13; Heb. 8 — also Matt. 26: 27, 28 — "This is My blood of the new testament" — "covenant-blood" [Moffatt]).

Verse 27 of Daniel 9 says: "*For one week.*"

Here is the 70th week. It directly follows the preceding 69 weeks. It completed the span of 70 weeks. If one should owe a creditor a sum of money which he agreed to pay in 70 weekly payments, what would the creditor say if he duly made 69 payments and then demanded an indeterminate number of years to make the 70th payment? Would it make sense to the creditor? The answer is obvious, and so are the words of Gabriel. Our Lord's gracious ministry started with His baptism in 27 A.D. He

not only personally confirmed the Covenant with many of Daniel's people during the three-and-one-half years of His life on earth (Matt. 5, 6 and 7) including His sacrificial death, His resurrection and His ascension, but also by the birth of the Church at Pentecost and the immediate following years. The Jews stoned Stephen about 34 A.D., who "being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God." (Acts 7: 55.) Soon after this, "the door of faith" was opened to the Gentiles by Peter (Acts 10), later followed by Paul (Acts 14: 27). Jesus Christ did, indeed, "confirm the covenant with many for one week."

Verse 27 of Daniel 9 further says:

"And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease."

Just before Jesus died on the cross he said: "It is finished." (John 19: 30.) He was the Lamb of God. By His substitutionary death on Calvary, sacrifices and oblations were of no further avail.

"Sacrifices and offerings thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure . . . He taketh away the first that He may establish the second." (Heb. 10: 4-9.)

"Thou art a Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." (Heb. 5: 6.)

Verse 27 of Daniel 9 then continues: "*And for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation.*"

Jesus said: "Behold your house is left unto you desolate, for I say unto you, ye shall not see me henceforth, until ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." As one gifted writer has said: "How infinitely greater was the desolation caused by the Divine withdrawal than any man-made desolation could be."

Verse 27 of Daniel 9 closes with: "*And that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*"

Jesus said to the Jews: "The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." (Matt. 21: 43.) The Jewish Nation was broken up and its people who survived the horrors of the Roman onslaught were sold into slavery and otherwise scattered over the earth (see Jer. 18: 15-17; Ezek. 4: 7-11). Jesus had said: "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." (Luke 21: 24.)

Now it might properly be asked: "Why use so much space upon this one

part of the 'Affirmation of Faith'?" The answer is that "solemn convictions" 1 and 2 are so related to the "70th week," which is mentioned four different times, that detailed Bible statements are necessary.

Let us hope those whose names are attached to the "Affirmation of Faith" will reconsider their statements in the light of the Bible proof given.

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Now as to "solemn conviction" No. 3, DESTINY, which has been published for fourteen-and-a-half years has constantly set forth Bible, historical and archaeological proof of the fact of Scripture that the Jews are not all Israel and that in all fairness to the Jews, they should not be confounded with the "house of Israel." There is a definite, wide cleavage between the "house of Israel" and the "house of Judah" in the Bible. Whether or not the Fundamentalists believe that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples are the "house of Israel" is entirely beside the point. They may disbelieve it, but as "trusted Bible teachers, pastors, and other Christian workers" they should not assert the Jews to be other than the descendants of the remnant of the house of Judah which went back to Palestine after the captivity in Babylonia.

Why should "trusted Bible teachers, pastors and other Christian workers" use words and terms which are not found in the Bible? Why should they impose upon the Jews burdens and responsibilities which they are unable to bear? The sins of the Ten Tribes should not be put on them.

Affirmation No. 3 says: *As to Israel*, "We believe, as stated by the sainted Bishop Ryle, 'that the Jews shall ultimately be gathered again as a separate nation.'" Where can such a statement be found in the Bible? Is Ezekiel 37 to be believed, or is it to be reconstructed to fit the reasonably modern "interpretation" which has become a prominent part of present-day orthodox belief?

*The Lord* is speaking in Ezekiel! Let us not trifle with His words! "*He said unto me, son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel.*" Not the Jews — the word is not mentioned — but "*the whole house of Israel.*"

Read what *The Lord* says in Ezekiel,

"Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah and for the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions:

"And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.

"And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these?

"Say unto them, Thus saith the *Lord God*. Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

"And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.

"And say unto them, Thus saith the *Lord God*. Behold I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land.

"And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel: and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms, any more at all." (See also Hosea 1: 11.)

Here is most plainly set forth in the Word of God the house of Israel and the house of Judah. Both are to be brought together — where are they now?

To say they are the Jews, and "that the Jews shall ultimately be gathered again as a separate nation" is not quoting Scripture aright. I Kings 12: 16-24 records the separation of the house of Israel from the house of Judah. II Kings 17 records the overthrow and captivity of the house of Israel. I Kings 11: 32; II Chron. 11: 13, 14 records what constituted the Southern Kingdom. Ps. 114: 2 describes the different functions of Judah and Israel. Jer. 3: 8 brings both, but separately, under condemnation. Jer. 3: 11 justifies Israel more than Judah. Jer. 3: 18 announces that "in those days the house of Judah shall walk to [margin] the house of Israel," which she is now doing! Ezek. 5: 8-15 declares Judah shall be few in number. Hosea 1: 10 declares Israel shall be an uncountable multitude. Isa. 3: 9 declares Judah to be known. II Kings 17: 18-24; Hosea 8: 8, 9 declare Israel to be lost.

But enough! We could continue at length quoting throughout the Bible, showing the difference between Israel and Judah. That they *will* be brought together "in the last days" is also certain, because there are positive references to this event in addition to the lengthy quotation alone from Ezekiel. But they will not be gathered as "Jews," neither will the Jews "be a separate nation" because the Bible specifically states otherwise. O! that Bible students would discern the difference in the Bible between the house of Israel



and the house of Judah which is so meticulously maintained in Scripture!

Another important thing to remember is that *the Jews of today are descendants of the limited remnant that returned to Palestine after the Babylonian captivity*. The greater part of the "house of Judah" remained in Babylon, as the Scofield Bible so truthfully states (see top note, page 529). Also, do not forget that about ten years after the "house of Israel" had been finally crushed and taken to Assyria (721 B.C.) or about 711 B.C., Assyria also attacked Judah as recorded in II Kings 18: 13 as follows:

"Now, in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, [king of Judah] did Sennacherib, king of Assyria, come up against all the fenced cities of Judah and took them."

This event is often overlooked by Bible students.

As it was the custom of Assyria to deport the population, or large numbers, of those whom they conquered, Judah must have lost many of its people by this method in addition to those slain in the contest. In any event, it must have been a most serious invasion because verses 14 to 16 record the length Hezekiah went to temporarily buy off the Assyrians by large amounts of silver and gold, even to the extent of cutting "off the gold from the doors of the temple of the Lord, and from the pillars" (Verses 15, 16). The boastful Assyrian king had it recorded upon the Assyrian monuments that he took 200,000 captives.

Now the foregoing is written to correct the popular and erroneous idea that the Jews are all Israel. They are

indeed a *part* of Israel but far from being all Israel.

Some two years ago a Boston Rabbi was asked: "What is a Jew, historically and racially?" The Rabbi started with Abraham and painstakingly traced, step by step, the history of the Israel people — emphasizing the Judah line, beginning with Judah, one of the twelve sons of Jacob. He carried the story along the line of Israel's history exactly as recorded in the Old Testament (their Bible) down to the captivity of the house of Judah in Babylonia.

He carefully explained the revolt at the death of Solomon and the "split up" into Northern and Southern kingdoms — the Northern called the "house of Israel" and the Southern called the "house of Judah." He also named their respective capital cities.

He quickly reviewed the history of the Northern kingdom followed by the series of attacks upon it by the Assyrian power and the carrying away of its people into exile and captivity in Northern Assyria — "Just as Hitler is now doing in Europe," he added.

Then he continued with a brief review of the continuing house of Judah and told how it, too, "some 100 years or so later," was attacked by the Babylonian power and its people carried into exile and captivity in Babylonia. Then: "Some two or three generations later a small remnant, oh, about forty or fifty thousand or so, went back to Palestine and began life there anew." And he said: "*We Jews are the offspring or descendants of that remnant of Judah.*"

When the Rabbi had finished this re-

cital, identical with the Bible record, he was asked: "But Rabbi you know that practically all Christendom believes the Jews to be the descendants of all the tribes, in fact that they are all the tribes. This is taught in our theological schools, in our religious literature, in our Sunday schools, and by our preachers. Now you say the Jews are only the descendants of the remnant of Judah which went back to Palestine after the Babylonian captivity. Rabbi, how can one believe that?"

The Rabbi, using his hand for emphasis, replied, "I don't care what they believe. It is not so. We Jews are the descendants of the tribe of Judah. Oh," he continued, "there may be a sprinkling of other tribes among us but that does not alter the fact that we Jews are of the tribe of Judah."

He was then asked: "In your recital of the history of the Israel people, you said that Assyria conquered the Northern house of Israel and carried its people into captivity in Northern Assyria. What became of those captive tribes?"

The Rabbi paused a moment and then said, in softened tones: "We call them the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

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Various other similar questions with similar answers from intelligent Jewish friends could also be given, but space forbids. If one will but study the Bible, unbiased and with an open mind, the *fact of the house of Israel* as distinct from the Jews and with all its great import of prophecies, separate and distinct from the house of Judah, will be evident.

## Israel a Christian People

PAUL declared Christian circumcision to be that of the heart and not of the flesh. It is this type of circumcision which Moses declared Israel would have after their captivity. He said: "And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live." (Deut. 30: 6.)

Many who refuse to accept the facts of the identity are saying of the Anglo-Saxon peoples, "They are not God's people Israel." Yet, at the same time, they declare we are a Christian people and therefore the sons of God. This very declaration proves our identity, for Hosea declares: "That in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my peo-

ple, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God." (Hosea 1: 10.) The denial of the identity coupled with the declaration of Christian faith is stated by this prophet to be a mark of identification.

This is further borne out by Jeremiah's statement: "The people which were left of the sword found *grace* in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause them to rest." (Jer. 31: 2.) It was Israel away from Palestine and in the wilderness of the people who were to find grace in the sight of God through Jesus Christ. It is the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples, and not the Jew, whom the Church is declaring are not God's people today.



# The Oath of God

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**A**N oath at any time when used in relation to the absolute veracity of a statement is a solemn and sacred pledge. Between men of good will it is regarded as binding. It confirms and establishes the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Its authority is unassailable. An oath is, as is stated by the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews, the final word, "For men verily swear by the greater and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife." (Heb. 6: 16.) Now if an oath is of such tremendous importance in relation to the ordinary everyday affairs of men, of how much greater authority and importance is the oath of God? Upon the fulfillment of the statements and promises confirmed by His oath, the integrity, the righteousness, the faithfulness of the character of God depends. God's promises are sacred. Of Himself God declares, "I am the Lord I change not, therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed" . . . "The promises of God are Yea and Amen" . . . "The Gifts and callings of God are without repentance" because God is "the same yesterday, today and forever."

Because God's promises are absolute and binding upon Him there can be no doubt whatever of their ultimate fulfillment; and all His promises are of equal certainty. If man could point to any one of the promises of God of which any doubt whatever regarding its fulfillment were possible, how can we be sure of the carrying out of any of His promises?

When any of God's undertakings are ratified by His Oath then it should be regarded as certain that they are irrevocable. Now in relation to the origin, mission and destiny of our Race, the Celto-Saxon peoples, we have such an undertaking confirmed by the oath of God. Here is the statement regarding it:

"When God made promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no greater, He swore by Himself . . . wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us." (Heb. 6: 13 and 17, 18.)

Note that the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews here refers to God's promise to Abraham, to its relation to the Abrahamic seed ("the heirs of promise"), and that we in the Christian Era may find comfort, courage, and hope in the absolute inviolability of the promises thus made.

What were they?

They are contained in the Abrahamic Covenant made first by God with Abraham, confirmed to Isaac, and again ratified with Jacob whose name was later changed to Israel. And not only made, ratified and confirmed to these three progenitors of our race but belonging to their seed throughout succeeding generations *forever*; and forever includes today, and all the days in the divine system of chronology until Time shall be no more!

Examine this covenant. It is of the greatest possible importance. It belongs to the Celto-Saxon people. It concerns particularly the people of the British Empire and the United States of America; and it concerns the Arabs of today — the former because they are descendants of Abraham through Isaac, and the covenant affirms "In Isaac shall thy seed be called"; the latter because through Ishmael they are also the seed of Abraham, and as Beni-Israel are destined "to dwell in the presence of their brethren." Bear this fact in mind, for it will yet have an important bearing upon the settlement of postwar conditions, particularly in relation to the occupation of Palestine and the Middle East.

The Abrahamic Covenant is the foundation charter of the race. Greater than Magna Charta, the Declaration of Independence, or any other Bill of Rights, it stands as the expression of the will and purpose of God for the people who by a unique act of choice, He designated as the agents of His Will for men. It has never been abrogated or replaced. There are not wanting those who in error confuse it with what is called the old covenant. The term "old" is never applied to the Abrahamic Covenant, that term refers to the later Mosaic Covenant, but the Abrahamic Covenant is what the New Testament refers to as "the promises made to the Fathers" confirmed by

Jesus Christ who, as St. Paul declares, was "a minister of the circumcision to confirm the Promises made to the Fathers," and to receive the final and complete fulfillment in the days of the Christian dispensation, especially in the period of our generation which is verily and indeed that of "the last days." As has been well said, "The Abrahamic Covenant was first made with a single man, it was later confirmed to an elect son Isaac and then to an elect grandson Jacob: and passed on to his twelve sons but not distributed to them equally. These individuals were the "Fathers" of the race, and this Covenant in the New Testament is named the *Promises made to the Fathers*."

Its first clause is one of blessing.

"I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Gen. 12: 2 and 3.)

Thus to the Abrahamic Seed and through the One Seed Jesus Christ our Lord — Himself — the "firstborn among many brethren," of the Seed of Abraham, the Light of the World; and the Abrahamic Seed through Isaac, was thus designated as the Bearer of the Light to all peoples.

Not only did the Abrahamic Covenant embody this spiritual blessing but it contained temporal blessings as well, and these too are the Promises made to the Fathers. They cannot be considered here in detail, but inasmuch as they have a very definite bearing on the meaning of present conditions and their fulfillment will have a very great deal to do with the New World Order which is to function when this present crisis has passed, we review them briefly.

First of all, let me remind you that it has been reserved for our generation to witness and realize the full function of these promises. This is the age of fulfillment! When God entered into covenant relationship with Abraham no statement was made as to the time when they were to be fulfilled, nor was any suggestion given to Isaac when the Covenant was confirmed to him. Jacob, on his deathbed, handed on the blessings of the Abrahamic

Covenant to his twelve sons and said:

"Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you *in the last days*. Gather yourselves together and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father." (Gen. 49: 1 and 2.)

Now "the last days" are the age of the Christian dispensation, *the days in which we live*.

That "the Promises made to the Fathers" were not fulfilled previous to the Christian Era is clearly stated by the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews who, speaking of both the promises and the fathers, says: "These all died in faith not having received the promises." And again, "These all having obtained a good report through faith received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they, without us should not be made perfect." (Heb. 11: 13 and 39-40.)

Again, St. Paul declared that Jesus Christ our Lord came to *confirm* these promises. Had they been fulfilled before He came, they would have needed no confirmation.

Among the promises contained in the Abrahamic Covenant was that regarding possession of the Land. First the Land of Canaan and then the larger territory defined as lying between the River Nile and the Persian Gulf. Here is the statement:

"In the same day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram, saying, "Unto thy seed have I given this land from the River of Egypt unto the great river the River Euphrates." (Gen. 15: 18.)

Now note well the territory thus defined includes not merely what is known as Palestine or the Holy Land, but the whole of Mesopotamia, with an area of something like 300,000 square miles. And then remember too, that in the Ishmael Covenant is the promise of

the land now known as Transjordan. Let those who talk about the ownership of the Promised Land and discuss plans for its partition remember this! God first declares that Land is His; then He made a free gift of it to the Abrahamic seed, the greater portion to the seed of Isaac which is Israel, the lesser share to Ishmael's descendants who are the Arabs of today, and that further the Bible contains the plans for the future division of the Land, to be occupied representatively by the Isaac Seed. And this is not all! The seed of Abraham, through Isaac, was destined to spread abroad all over the world. Read again:

"And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the West, and to the East, and to the North, and to the South: and in thee and thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." (Gen. 28: 14.)

Study the story of the expansion and growth of the British Empire and you cannot fail to see that her colonizing effort followed the course outlined above with absolute exactness. First Westward the way of Empire took its course, then East with the founding of the Indian Empire, then after the Declaration of Independence upon the part of the American Colonies came the great move northward, and the United Empire Loyalists moved into Canada and this vast Dominion in which we dwell stretching northward from the 49th parallel to the Arctic Circle came into being. And then came the movement Southward and Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania were colonized and still later the Union of South Africa was formed. And then for our day, within the last thirty years, there has been reserved the crowning fulfillment of this and another great promise within the Abrahamic Covenant. Not only was the seed of Abraham to spread

abroad, West, East, North, South but its colonizing enterprise was to develop nationally for God declared to Jacob "a Company of nations shall be of thee" and in our day the British Commonwealth of Nations within the British Empire has come into being. It is the most unique company of self-governing, autonomous nations that the world has ever seen. It is verily and indeed, with the United States of America, God's League of Nations destined to be the nucleus of that unified Anglo-Saxon combination which will function as the Kingdom of God here on earth under the sovereignty of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let those scoff who will. That was and is God's Plan and Purpose for Israel and Israel is the seed of Abraham through Isaac and is today represented by the Celto-Saxon peoples of the world. Let those who talk glibly of surrendering the colonies of the British Empire beware. Blinded by false assumptions, misled by their obstinate refusal to see in modern conditions the working out of the Divine plan and purpose, they presume to despise their birthright as did Esau.

And Esau is described as a profane person. Let all those, whether among the foes without or the enemy within who plot the downfall of the British Empire and the United States of America, who work for their disintegration, and proclaim that they must surrender essential elements of sovereignty, remember that because they are Israel, they will be used by God as the instrument of His purpose; for remember, it is of Israel that God has said:

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the Servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me saith the Lord."

## Solid Faith in God's Word

Most of this generation are so ignorant of the Bible, particularly of the Old Testament, that even the most authoritative enunciation of our theme does not make the slightest impression upon them. They know so little about "Israel" that to them her Identification is of small consequence, no matter whom it involves. Their usual reply to the Identity is, What of it? Or else they silence it at once by saying, "We don't care."

Nevertheless the English Speaking Race is an exponent of God's manifest purpose in the plan of human redemption,

and is a vindication of the inspiration of the Bible that is an hundred fold more powerful than the story of the Jews who are so often cited as a standing miracle and proof of prophecy.

In fact we do not know of another topic, that is so ready at hand for the multifarious illustration of God's truth, nor, when understood and wielded plainly, do we know of another that is so powerful for the establishment of solid faith in God's Word as that which establishes the truth of the Celto-Anglo-Saxon peoples with Israel!

# Israel in the New Testament—II

By R. H. SAWYER

THE New Testament in its entirety is an Israelitish document! While there are references to the Jews, and to the Gentiles, the outstanding theme of the New Testament is Israel, the *nation*, redeemed and restored as promised of God unto the fathers and recorded in the writings of Moses and the Prophets or (as we know them today), the Old Testament.

The opening chapters of the Gospel according to Luke emphasize the fact that in the birth of the infant Christ, the people of the Northern kingdom of Israel, (at that time dispersed, and supposedly lost) recognized the confirmation of the promises God had made concerning their redemption.

Before the birth of Christ, Mary, the expectant mother, sang of his mission to Israel: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. . . . He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy: as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever."

Surely it is the sacred duty of every professed follower of Jesus Christ to know just what God "spake to our fathers", if that professed follower would have an intelligent comprehension of the real mission of our Lord.

At the birth of John the Baptist, the spirit filled father, Zacharias, emphasizes the mission of the coming Christ: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David: as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: that we should be saved from OUR ENEMIES, and from the hand of all that hate us." Note here that Jesus was to bring salvation to *Israel*, and that salvation was of a decidedly material character. It will be well for the sincere reader, the person who really believes the New Testament, to realize that Zacharias was speaking with the authority of the Holy Spirit, and that the salvation which he says Christ was to bring to Israel is in perfect accord with the promises made of God unto the fathers, and recorded in the Old Testament. Is it not strictly true then, that an intelligent belief in the New Testament is impossible with-

out a knowledge of the things recorded in the Old Testament?

Plainly indicating the material character of the mission of the yet unborn Jesus, the father of John the Baptist continues his prophecy: "To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant: the oath which he sware to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life." Again I would emphasize the fact that the purpose of Christ's first advent was the material salvation of Israel from the hands of their material enemies, and that this salvation is *yet to come*. That the salvation of the souls of men is also taught in the New Testament, as a result of the sacrifice of our Lord on Calvary, is the belief of all identity students, and they are second to none in proclaiming that eternal truth, but they insist that all who *believe* the New Testament scriptures should be ready to say with the apostle Paul: "So worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets."

The first chapter of the Gospel according to Luke is addressed exclusively to the people of Israel, announcing the birth of John the Baptist, and foretelling his office as "The prophet of the Highest."

The first thirty years of his life is summed up in the brief statement, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel."

## *Jesus Taught Israel*

He who follows the inspired account of the coming of Jesus Christ into the world, and his purpose in coming, will find that he came to a certain people and that his coming was the literal fulfillment of certain definite promises made to that people, exclusively.

God had made a solemn covenant with the fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the earthly ministry of our Lord was, above all else, to *confirm* that everlasting covenant. The apostle Paul thus emphasizes the one purpose of the

ministry of Jesus: "Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers."

Israel was, and is, that people to whom Christ came, and to whom his earthly ministry was directed.

Very early after his baptism by John, and his introduction to Israel, Jesus selected twelve disciples (or learners) and prepared them for their important mission to the people of Israel. These men were Galileans, or Israelites, with the exception of Judas, the traitor, who was a Jew.

"These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

These men were not preaching the salvation of the soul, but were preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, a righteous government that is yet to be established upon earth, and that Gospel was proclaimed, to Israel only. The gospel of salvation was taught to these same messengers, but Israel must first learn of the kingdom before they could become messengers of Christ, preaching the gospel of salvation to a dying world.

This first, and all important mission of the disciples was to Israel, the people who were separate and distinct from Gentile and Jew, for in his instructions to them Jesus had commanded them not to go unto the Gentiles, but to go to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel." The Jewish people understood this reference to the lost sheep of the house of Israel as being to "the sojourners of the dispersion" or those persons, like the Galileans, who were known to be of the Northern or ten tribed kingdom of Israel and who had returned to Palestine from many countries.

These persons were commonly known as Jews, yet the Jews disliked them, in their hatred referring to the difference in the language spoken by Galileans and Jews, and the fact that Jesus excluded them in this first proclamation of the coming kingdom would naturally intensify their hatred of the Galilean Prophet and his fishermen followers.



The gospel of the kingdom was, and is, to Israel, a group, or remnant who were especially prepared by the Lord for that particular mission; a mission which is yet in progress and which must continue through the times of tribulation until the coming of the King in his glory.

"He that endureth unto the end [of the world age] shall be saved. . . . Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come."

### *The Hated Remnant*

The comparatively small group entrusted with the mission of proclaiming the Gospel of the kingdom have been hated through all generations, and will be hated and misunderstood until the end of time.

The question has often been asked: "Why is this question concerning Israel understood by so few of the many believers in Christ today?"

The answer given by our Lord to a similar question may be of assistance to some earnest inquirer: "Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." In the day of our Lord's personal ministry there were many persons who heard his message, but did not understand his meaning. When his disciples asked why these did not understand, Jesus said: "Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given."

However we may look at this question, the fact remains that the teachings of Jesus Christ during his earthly ministry were not to the individual, but were almost exclusively confined to a small group of persons who were being prepared for a special work, to begin immediately after his death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven.

It should not be difficult for any fairly intelligent reader of the New

Testament record to understand that Jesus did not teach the doctrine of the salvation of the soul, except as it was taught to the apostles.

Salvation through Christ was possible only after the death of Christ upon the cross. Jesus was the Saviour only after he had paid the price of man's salvation, and, after his resurrection, or triumph over death, he gave to his disciples, for the first time, the great commission, conferring upon them the authority and power which God had given to him, and commanding them to be his representatives until he should come again.

"All power hath been given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

This divine authority and power was given only to Israel, a people of whom the prophets and apostles said:

"Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people: that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

This world-wide service, for which Jesus had come to prepare them, was a part of the everlasting covenant between God and Israel, the glorious destiny of the elect race, a people through whom "all the families of the earth should be blessed."

In speaking of his brethren (his kinsmen according to the flesh) the apostle Paul said:

"... Who are Israelites: to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises: whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came."

A consistent study of the New Testament should convince the sincere seeker for the truth that Christ came to Israel and that he was received by Israel who,

after receiving instruction from him, went forth upon their mission of proclaiming the coming kingdom, the redemption of Israel, and the eternal salvation of all who received, and obeyed, the commandments of the Christ.

And for this world-wide ministry of mercy Israel was to be hated and maligned through all the centuries, until the return of their King, and the establishing of the kingdom.

"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake."

### *The Apostles Minister to Israel Only*

For three years, or during his entire earthly ministry, Jesus confined his teachings almost exclusively to the people of Israel, and for a period of eight years after the ascension of Christ the apostles confined their ministry *exclusively* to Israel, refusing to preach the gospel of salvation to the Gentiles!

This statement is made at this point, with perfect confidence that it can be verified by the scriptures, for the purpose of emphasizing the fact that the apostles were so impressed with the segregation of Israel by Jesus, as his only disciples, in the beginning, that they were very slow to believe salvation had been provided for any other people.

This failure of the early followers of Christ to understand the full meaning of the great commission, as given them by their Lord, might well be considered by many of his professed followers today who refuse or fail to believe those things taught by Jesus concerning his people Israel, for these truths are plainly recorded in the New Testament.

Know your Bible — the Old Testament because it is God's word, as he spoke to us through the prophets; and the New Testament because it is the Word of God confirmed, reiterated, personified by Jesus Christ — the Word made flesh, He who was, and is, and ever shall be, Emmanuel, God with us.

## Why Stress That Anglo-Saxons Are Israel?

BECAUSE it makes the Bible a new book; demonstrates the inspiration of the Scriptures; proves divine design and brings order out of seeming chaos; explains the secret and the greatness of the United States of America and the British Commonwealth of Nations; reveals the origin, mission and destiny of the English-speaking peoples; distinguishes between Israel and Judah, and establishes the

identity of the Anglo-Saxon race with Israel as distinct from the Jews; kills pessimism and gives an entirely new outlook on life; provides the answer to false doctrines of anti-God propaganda; has convinced thousands of atheists and brought them into the Christian faith; will unite and consolidate the world as nothing else can; and because it reveals divine power for the good of humanity!

# Jesus Christ—Triumphant

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## PART II

WE have seen Jesus Christ — World Maker, Jesus Christ — Biologist, Jesus Christ — Regnant, and Jesus Christ — Administrator. We shall now turn to Jesus Christ — Triumphant. The question is asked — Why attribute to Jesus Christ things which the Bible attributes to Jehovah?

It is a fair question. The answer is very simple. We follow the teaching of the Scriptures which, in the Old Testament prophetically, and in the New Testament as statement of fact, attribute the activities of Jehovah to our Lord; for instance, the making of the heavens and the earth.

Read the first chapter of St. John; the first chapter of the first Epistle general of John; the first chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews; and the self-declaration of our Lord in the first chapter of Revelation, verse 8, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, The Almighty."

There can be no question but that the Scriptures attribute to Jesus Christ works and attributes which belong to Jehovah alone.

Each man of us has more than one name. One of the names we have is older than the other names. But we are identified by each of our names. Our surname is our oldest name. It was our name before we were born. Our other name or names were given to us later.

The Person incarnate in Jesus has more than one name. Some of His names are older. Jehovah is one of His names. It is older than His name Jesus; but He is equally identified by them both and by them all.

Therefore, we have used the name Jesus Christ to denote Him in His Jehovah-Jesus activities, as is done in the New Testament.

The Jehovahship of Jesus cannot be rejected on scientific grounds. We are accustomed to many manifestations of life in this earth of ours. The family of vertebrates, for instance, is a numerous and diverse family. Of these, man is the highest manifestation this earth can produce. He is not the only manifestation. Of many such, he is the highest.

Occupying the body common to the vertebrates there are many forms of, what shall I call it, Personality? But we are used to reserving that term for man, and for higher forms of life than man. Let us say there are many forms of being. Most of these we class as beings endowed with instinct. Man we know is endowed with reason. Man only is endowed with that type of reason which belongs to "the spirit of man."

Thus the lower orders of vertebrates are called upon to recognize that there is one order of the vertebrate family dwelling on earth which is endowed with super-instinctive life. If they were capable of reasoning they would say, "But this is so unscientific. There are none but instinctive families on the earth. A higher order of reasoning vertebrates is a scientific absurdity." Of course such reasoning would be wrong, for man, the reasoning vertebrate, is a fact.

So many are reasoning about the essential Godhead in Jesus Christ. We, of "the kingdom of men," suddenly awake to the fact that there has appeared among us, clothed in the garment of our flesh, having taken upon Him the seed of Abraham, One who is of the highest order of life, even The Almighty. It is logical; it is in accordance with the manifestations of life. What we are to the lower vertebrates He is and more to us, Immanuel (God with us). From the throne of the Father He has condescended to us, that He may eventually carry us up into the participation of the life of God, "For as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the Sons of God, which were born . . . of God."

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Pursuing the study of Jehovah-Jesus, we now come to

## JESUS CHRIST — TRIUMPHANT

The Book of Genesis introduces to us this Person of Infinite Majesty, under His Jehovah name as the World Builder; and the New Testament reveals Him in Jesus, "by Whom were all things made."

Genesis shows Him to us as the author of life. The New Testament reveals

Him to us as Jesus Christ — Biologist, "In Whom was life."

The Books of the Old Testament show Him to us Regnant; and the New Testament reveals Him to us in Jesus, Who declared, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth."

The Gospels show, as we have already seen in Part I (DESTINY for May) dealing with the Divine Law of Sacrifice — Jesus Christ, the Great Sacrifice. "Our Passover, slain for us." "In Whom dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."

The Book of Revelation shows Him to us as Jesus Christ — Triumphant.

Therefore to the Book of Revelation we shall now turn.

We shall not attempt to follow the details of the Book, nor shall we try to make application of them to the various periods of modern history.\* We shall follow the great outlines which show Jesus Christ in His contest with the powers of evil, first in heaven, then on earth, and emerging triumphant over all His enemies.

## Revelation I

For the first time in the Scriptures we are here given a description of the Person of our Lord. That description commences with the self-declaration or proclamation of our Lord.

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, The Almighty."

This is a wonderful saying, and is the key to the estimate we are to place on the personality of the glorious One here made manifest. It is "the Revelation of Jesus Christ." And the initial declaration is "I am . . . the Almighty."

The destination of this revelation is specifically ordered. The revelation is to be written and sent to seven churches, the names of which are given, and the addresses. This brings the matter down very solidly on the earth.

In view of the extravagant claims made by Rome it is well to note that the

\* All this can be found in *Study in Revelation* by Howard B. Rand. 384 pages, with valuable indexes and a 36-page concordance of contents. \$3.50 postpaid. Destiny Publishers, Haverhill, Mass.

Church at Rome is not included among the recipients of the Message. Rome's place is indicated surely in the Book later on, under the name of Babylon the Great, but, alas! she occupies a very different position in this God-given revelation from that she would have the Christian world believe. Her profession and claims are very different from the description given, but her history, her present position and future prospects answer all too fully to that description. To the seven churches in Asia the Message of the Book of Revelation was sent, but not to Rome.

Again it is worthy to note that this, the post-Ascension Book of the Lord, should have been sent to "His servant John," and not to His servant Peter. This would not have been the case if our Lord intended that the voice and authority of St. Peter should be paramount among the disciples. Not to Rome, and not to St. Peter, was the Message entrusted, but to that disciple "whom Jesus loved."

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The following is the wonderful photograph of Our Glorified Lord, presented at last to those who love Him. It is the frontispiece to the Book of Revelation.

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet.

"Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

"And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being burned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

"And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

"His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

"And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

"And he had in his right hand seven stars; and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword; and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

"And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

There follow two chapters of specific messages addressed to the seven churches named. It is a wonderful thing that these churches should have received

these letters from heaven from our risen Lord. It is even a wonderful thing that we should have at hand these letters straight from the throne of God as we have them in the Book of Revelation. No wonder that the Holy Spirit should say "Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things that are written therein; for the time is at hand."

The letters to the churches concluded, our Lord turns from things ecclesiastical to things which pertain to His Kingdom Nation.

We are now privileged to attend a great historic function which, while of infinite importance to this earth of ours, took place in Heaven. It is one of the characteristics of this remarkable Book — the Bible — that it gives matter-of-fact statements not only of prehistoric events in the usual sense of the term, but of events that took place in long distant eras, before man appeared upon the earth. It also gives matter-of-fact statements of events which should come to pass ages after the period in which such statements were written; not only so, it gives matter-of-fact statements of contemporary events taking place outside of the boundaries of earth among the inhabitants of Heaven. To this scene of activity we are now invited to go.

### *Jesus Christ Assumes Dominion in Heaven*

"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

"And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

"And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

"And round about the throne were four and twenty seats; and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

"And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices; and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

"And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

"And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

"And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, say-

ing, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

"And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

"The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

Look well at this chapter, for in it we have the foundation of that "Holy City, the New Jerusalem" which should later "come down from God out of heaven."

It has been the writer's privilege to see the beginnings of many a new town and city which progressed to considerable size and importance, and the pages of history have recorded many such. But no earthly city can compare in importance with that new city now about to be organized before our eyes as the capital of the dominion of Jesus Christ — Triumphant.

Remember the form of Israel's encampment which was the center of national organization. The Tabernacle in the center, around it the tribe of Levi, and four-square beyond it the brigaded tribes of Israel. According to this plan this new city "lieth four-square." Now let us look at the constitution of the new city.

In the center the Throne of God.

"And behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne."

"Round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting."

These were the representative heads of Israel "... and round about the throne are four living ones [zoa] full of eyes before and behind; and the first living one was like a lion [emblem of the camp of Judah]; and the second living one like a calf [emblem of Ephraim]; and the third living one had a face as of a man [Reuben]; and the fourth living one was like a flying eagle [Dan]. And the four living ones had six wings about him [see Isaiah 6: 2]." Thus we have the four standards of Israel, each brigade containing three tribes (see Numbers 2). Each living one represents one-fourth of all Israel.

Turning to the changeless formation set forth in Numbers, we learn that the lion was east, the calf was west, the man was south, and the flying eagle north, round about the throne.

Thus in the heavens we have set up the organization of the New Jerusalem



which shall be later the capital of the kingdom of our Lord upon the earth. Thundering from the many voices of ascended Israel in the heavens is the ancient chant now first sung in the New Jerusalem, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."

"And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

"And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

"And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

"And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

"And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

"And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth unto all the earth.

"And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

"And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints.

"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

"Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

"And every creature which is in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

"And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever."

The foregoing chapter shows the first administrative act in the newly-established city of God. "And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals." This was a finished book, already written

developments relating to the kingdom the beginnings of which are already with us. Let us turn to Daniel 12: 9 and read: "And he said, Go thy way Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed to the time of the end."

Daniel wrote the book which contained many things which he did not understand. It was said to him (verse 13), "But go thy way till the end be; for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."

Among those who stood before the throne intensely interested to see the book taken, the seals broken, and the secrets made plain, we need not doubt Daniel was present, standing in his lot in the end of the days. What Daniel sealed, Jesus opened: what Daniel prophesied, Jesus was about to enact.

Accordingly we find the Book of Revelation to be a sequel to the Book of Daniel.

The proclamation, "And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?" "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four living ones, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb."

"... And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four living ones [representative of Israel] and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints."

They now sang to the Lamb in the new city a new song, even the song of redemption.

Now the mighty angel hosts join their voices with the thundering acclaim of Israel, and they sing to the Lamb the song of dominion.

Wider yet the chorus grows,

"And every creature which is in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four living ones [representative of Israel] said,

*Amen*

"And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever."

Thus we have the new city; in the midst of which is the throne of God; before which Jesus Christ triumphant takes up the administration of the affairs of Israel in Heaven above, and, answering to His administrative acts, developments relating to the kingdom

constituted of the remnant of Israel on earth, are directed and controlled.

We may look upon this as a great historic event, attested by the oath Divine, and therefore standing on more certain testimony than the coronation of Queen Elizabeth, Queen Victoria, or even of His Most Gracious Majesty King George, the recollection of whose coronation stands out clearly in the minds of adults today.

We have the record of astonishing historic facts in connection with Jesus Christ Our Lord; we have the record of His birth at Bethlehem; of His baptism at Jordan; of His temptation in the wilderness; of His transfiguration upon the Holy Mount; of His institution of the Lord's Supper; of His Passion in Gethsemane; of His trial in Jerusalem; of His Crucifixion on Calvary; of His burial in the tomb; of His Resurrection from the dead; and of His Ascension up into Heaven. And now, as historic as any of these, we have the record of His investiture with authority before the throne in Heaven.

"And there was War in Heaven." (Rev. 12: 7.)

Perhaps of all the strange things this wonderful Book makes us aware of, this is not the least strange. War in Heaven! What a special number the daily papers the world over would have issued if the news of Heaven were telegraphed to this earth. But although we have not news of the activities before the Throne by telegraphic express, we have that news by an infinitely more trustworthy medium — namely, that of the inspired Scriptures. And so we read and know that

### *There Was War in Heaven*

With the details of that war we are not made acquainted. It was a mighty conflict, waged among the "angels which excel in strength." It was widespread, embracing the whole of the Heaven of which the record speaks. Not, as we understand it, that Heaven in which especially the Throne of the Eternal Father is, and in which eternal peace reigns. It was bitter, for it was fought to an absolute finish.

We know who the combatants were.

"Michael [that great Prince which standeth for thy people] and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels." (Rev. 12: 7.)

We know the sequence of events which led up to that war. First, we are reminded of the Garden of Eden, where the Devil scored his first success against

the new creation of God, in the seduction of the parents of the Adamic race. That this is historic we may be assured by the long train of events which followed from this far distant source. As a consequence of this we have the *planting of enmity*, which culminated in the war in Heaven. "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel."

"What!" says the moralist; "did God plant enmity in the earth?"

The record does not so state. "I will put enmity *between thee and the woman*. . . ." Look at the form of the statement and know the reason. "I will put enmity *between thee and the woman*." Thus was erected a barrier between the woman and her seed on one hand, and the Devil and his seed on the other, which was most effective. No more could the Devil in his true person, carry weight with the seed of the woman because of the enmity. He must thenceforth work behind a mask, transforming himself into an angel of light.

Down through the long ages until the coming of the Christ the conflict waged. At every point the Devil resisted the progress of the work of Grace in the human heart. There came the Flood; the destruction of the Cities of the Plain; the overthrow of the Canaan nations; the cutting off from the line of the "Sons of God" of the greater proportion of the families of the earth. There came the humiliation of Israel; the destruction of the Gentile world again and again.

At last Our Lord appeared, and the Devil, trusting no subordinate, took up the personal conflict with Him. The Devil tempted our Lord in the wilderness; stirred the Jews against Him in His ministry; entered into Judah and brought about His betrayal; secured His condemnation; brought about His death; saw to the sealing of His tomb; and witnessed His descent into hell. We must imagine that in all this the Devil was well satisfied, believing that he was winning out against the Son of God all along the line.

But then came the turn of the tide of war.

Every Son of Adam who had previously died had been held in bondage by the power of "the law of sin and death." The law stood thus: "The soul that sinneth it shall die." The Devil had denied this in the Garden. The Devil had, as "the accuser of the brethren," demanded this under the law. And every sinful man had been held in what he had come to regard as his

prison house, by "the strength of sin" which is the law.

It is to be assumed that the Devil was aware of the fact that our Lord had come to save the world by the sacrifice of Himself. But it is also to be remembered that even the angels desired to look into the matter of the redemption plan. Now if the angels which kept their first estate, and who were "sent forth to minister to those who should be heirs of salvation" failed to understand the plan of God for the salvation of mankind, the Devil, who was also an angel, fallen from his first estate, had no greater information. It is to be concluded that he thus reasoned: "Jesus Christ is about to give Himself a ransom for sinners. He must, therefore, take their place. Now I would rather that all sinners should be released from the curse of the law, if thereby I may hold the Son of God, and the heir of the Kingdom of Heaven, prisoner for evermore."

But death could not hold the Royal Captive! Sin and death had no power over Him! He entered the prison house, not as a captive, but as the deliverer of the captives. "He went and preached to the spirits imprisoned."

Then came the morning of the Resurrection, and the prison house of death was despoiled, for He not only broke the barriers of the grave, He also "led captivity captive."

Soon He appeared on earth, and wrote upon the pages of human history wonderful facts of the life of one of the race of men who had returned back from the dead, "the first fruits of them which slept."

Thence He ascended up on high, entering, as we saw in the article on the law of Sacrifice, into Heaven itself, there to make the offering of His own blood in the court of divine and eternal justice, as a ransom for sinners. Thus He "redeemed us from the curse of the law having been made a curse for us."

To this court the Devil hastened, in his official capacity as "the Accuser of the brethren," the "Crown prosecutor," if you will; there to oppose the acceptance of the Redemption price, and to oppose the proclamation of free salvation for sinners.

But the Devil lost his case, and the Great High Priest prevailed. So the Devil's power through the law of sin and death was broken, for ever.

Thereafter he saw the investiture with power and dominion of the Son of Man.

Face to face in heaven now were the Devil and the Man Child.

As a last resource the Devil appealed to arms.

"And there was a war in Heaven."

The war thus begun in Heaven has progressed by many fierce stages through the Christian Dispensation, and will end in the desperate struggle of Armageddon. The preceding phases of this final conflict are with us today.

Who were involved in the war in heaven? A woman — a dragon.

This brings us back to the woman and the serpent in the Garden. There we see the placing of "enmity between thee and thy seed and the woman and her seed." Here we see the final manifestation of that enmity.

### The Woman

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun [emblem of Christ], and the moon under her feet [emblem of Mohammed] and upon her head a crown of twelve stars [Israel]:

"And she being with child cried, travailling in birth, and pained to be delivered.

"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."

### The Dragon

". . . and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth [angel following]: and the dragon stood before the woman which was to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."

The man child was caught up to a heaven closed to the Devil and his angels. It is written, "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool."

The Devil had long waited for the appearance of the "Seed of the woman" with whom he should have his personal contest to the death.

How eagerly he desired to destroy the man child at its birth. How drastically he took his measures to that end in the destruction of the infants of Bethlehem. But the man child was caught up unto God.

Now, as to the woman. Who is she? Some teach, it is Mary the mother of Jesus! In fact, the agents of the dragon teach this in order to mask the truth.

Our Lord Himself guards from that

error very clearly (Matt. 12: 46-50; Mark 3: 31-35):

"While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him.

"Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

"But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

"And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

"For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

"There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him.

"And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee.

"And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren?

"And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

"For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother."

Mark the place of the intercession of Mary as given by Our Lord. He was a loving Son, and even in the agony of the Cross He took pains to make provision for His mother. But He utterly refused at all points to accord her a place above others in connection with His ministry. His mother "stood without," and sent to Him, calling Him.

One who was to a degree a Maryolatrist said to Him:

"Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

"But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

"And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother."

Thus Our Lord included all Israel in the honor of being His mother.

The Apostle Paul takes the same position (Rom. 9: 4-5):

"Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen."

"Woman, what have I to do with thee?" was Our Lord's word to His mother at the marriage of Cana of Galilee.

Even when He was only twelve years old, His mother said to Him,

"Son, why hast thou dealt thus with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing."

"And he said unto them, How is it that ye have sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business."

It was quite evidently intended that in that business His mother had no part.

The woman is Israel. Mary the mother of Jesus did not fly to the wilderness, neither was she "fed there" for three hundred and sixty days.

The woman, having been delivered of her man child, flies into the wilderness on earth. This leaves the dragon and the man child in heaven, confronting each other (Rev. 12: 7-9):

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

"And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Let us look at this great red dragon. His form is strangely familiar to us earth dwellers. Well it might be, for he has affected human affairs and made human history more than any but the Lord Himself.

Having seven heads and ten horns.

We shall find these seven heads and ten horns again and again later, marking certain organizations on earth. By these we shall know the dragon organizations on earth. His form thus stated marked the form of organization of his power in heaven we may suppose. After this pattern his organization on earth is perpetuated, as we shall see later. But now we are reading the absorbingly interesting report of the war in heaven.

It is an anti-Christian war, aimed against the life and authority of the man child.

There enters into the report a refrain of infinite sadness.

"And the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Think of this as history. Think of the radiant host of the angels of God led by "Lucifer, son of the morning," oc-

cupying places of honor, power and glory before the throne and in the heaven of God. They belong to an order of life as real and as active as are our earth-born race, and occupy a plane higher than that which we as yet enjoy.

The question is asked with interest: "Is Mars inhabited?" and the minds of men are ready to accept an answer in the affirmative. Well, here we have positive information of a race of beings other than our own, and that information is buttressed by the attestation of Our Lord. The dwelling-place of that race was heaven, but now it is earth and its environs. Is there anything unscientific in the information given to us in these pages? There is nothing unscientific. Nothing, after all, but a credulous ignorance will refuse to accept the statement as true. Here we have the information that one-third of that order of beings forfeited their place in heaven, and were, in fact, cast out of it, because of rebellion against the constituted authority and the order of society found there. The very form and substance of the Devil's attempt at revolution in heaven is being reproduced in the Communistic revolt against all law amongst us today.

A third of the order of angels cast out from heaven. How plaintive is the reiterated statement!

How this reflects light upon the warning to those who on earth are guilty of similar rebellion, or of joining themselves with the same rebellion, by linking up with the seven heads and ten horns, that they shall never attain the heaven from which the Devil and his angels were deposed!

How this encourages those who on earth stand for God and King and Constitution as Michael and his hosts stood above! As they saw the dragon and his hosts cast out of heaven,<sup>so</sup> we shall see the Dragon and his hosts cast out from the earth.

Let us prize our birthright. "Strive to enter in at the strait gate, that leadeth unto life."

"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

"Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them."

Thus the war in heaven was ended for ever.



## The War Continued on Earth

"And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days." (Rev. 12: 6.)

"Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (Rev. 12: 12.)

"And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child" (verse 13).

"And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle." (This is Israel's mode of travelling. See God's message to Israel when, emerged from Egypt, she came to Sinai: "I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself." Ex. 19.) "That she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent" (verse 14).

"And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood" (verse 15).

A later interpretation of the word "water" in this Book of Revelation, declares it to mean "peoples, and languages, and tongues." Israel flying into the wilderness, occupying Britain and the Overseas Dominions, is thus followed by a flood of Papistical migration, "peoples, languages and tongues." It is the effort of the devil to establish predominance over the seed of the woman by the flood thus sent out.

For 1,260 years this process continued. Wave after wave of such migration followed the Israel flight into the wilderness, and every part of the "wilderness" has been, and is being, contested today by that migration. It is the tares sown among the wheat in the field of the Lord.

"And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth" (verse 16).

There is a wonderful story to tell of succeeding waves of that flood of migration sent out by the dragon, which occupied the earth and covered the seas, but which have disappeared, leaving only broken remnants behind. Witness France, which dominated India, and then disappeared; France and Spain, which dominated America, North and South, and then disappeared — the earth opening her mouth and swallowing up the flood.

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (verse 17).

Now we enter upon a new phase of the contest between the dragon and the woman; from this time forth it is to be open war.

Chapter 13 gives us a wonderful development, in the beast which rose out of the sea, which prosecuted this open war.

We saw that in Heaven the great red dragon is distinguished by "having seven heads and ten horns." The beast which rose out of the sea is similarly distinguished, "having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy." The similarity of the distinguishing form of the dragon in heaven and the beast which rose out of the sea marks the latter as a development of the former.

"And the dragon gave him his power and his seat and great authority." Thus the beast which arose out of the sea was armed with the power of the devil. Avoiding imagination, but reading that which is written, we are assured that the power thus given included the angel host which fought under the banner of the dragon, and with him were cast out of heaven onto the earth. This was a terrible combination.

"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months [1,260 days].

"And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

"And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues and nations.

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

"If any man have an ear, let him hear."

"He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."

We may perhaps assume that this active phase of war commenced on August 4th, 1914. This beast which rose out of the sea is destroyed, and the leader of his hosts is gone into captivity.

Succeeding this beast there ariseth a second beast from the land. He has not now the form of the seven heads and ten horns, therefore he does not belong to the Babylonian succession.

"And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him . . . saying to them that dwell on the earth that they should make an image to the beast which had the wound by a sword and did live. And he had power to

give life to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."

Let us remember that what we are reading is from the seven-sealed Book; the Book which Daniel sealed and Jesus opened. The image he referred to is undoubtedly a reconstruction of that of the second chapter of Daniel which represented the militant imperialism of the Babylon succession, the last personification of which was the Kaiser.

The two-horned beast, Russia, thus reconstructs the Babylonian image of military power for the last great conflict of the ages.

But he goes beyond the military organization, and adds to it that of economics.

"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

"And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

"Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six."

Well may the hosts of heaven temper their rejoicing over the purging of heaven of the presence of the devil and his hosts by crying, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea."

Thus we have before us, marshalled in serried ranks, the devil and his angels which were cast down to the earth from heaven; the reconstructed power of the first beast which rose out of the sea; and the power of the second beast rising out of the land, all in one portentous combination.

Such, no doubt, is the actual state of affairs as the *watchers*, of whom Daniel speaks, see them to be on this earth of ours today. There is an armistice in the fighting, while the second beast reconstructs the power of that which is gone before, and adds to its own power.

This mighty tempest of battle is still directed against the remnant of the seed of the woman, British and American-Israel.

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Let us now look at the resources of Israel which shall carry her through the coming storm (Rev. 14).

"And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on Mount Zion, and with him an hundred and forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads." This is a glorious reinforcement for Israel, and it brings to us again the fact of the dragon and the man child being face to face on the field of conflict.

"With him an hundred and forty and four thousand which were redeemed from the earth." It looks as though the Son of Man had decided, with the aid of the sons of men alone, "The seed of the woman," to gain his final triumph over the devil and his hosts.

Mark that each one of His following has the name of His Father written in his forehead; this is the Jehovah name; and *wherever the Jehovah name is, there is the Jehovah power.* "Made a little lower than the angels," these men, by regeneration, have become in very deed the sons of God, and the superior of angels, "for to which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my son . . ."

In the days of His flesh our Lord said, "Wist ye not that I could pray the Father and he would presently send me twelve legions of angels." That prayer was never offered; but now our Lord appears on Mount Zion with twelve divisions "of the redeemed from the earth," with which to guard Israel and overcome the dragon.

And now the great battle is about to be joined.

We now see the march-past of the hundred and forty and four thousand. They camp and march in the changeless order set forth in the second chapter of the Book of Numbers. There is an army division of twelve thousand men for each tribe of Israel. The divisions would be brigaded by threes into four Army Corps.

First Army Corps in marching column: Judah, Issachar, Zebulun.

Second Army Corps: Reuben, Simon, Gad.

Then the Tabernacle, corresponding with which would be the Commander-in-Chief and staff.

Third Army Corps: Ephraim, Manasseh, Benjamin.

Fourth Army Corps: Dan, Asher, Naphtali.

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The whole host forms one vast military band, and the music which swells from their camp, or accompanies their march, is described as follows:

"And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: and they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

"These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

"And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God." (Rev. 14: 2-5.)

Proclamations are now made before the final joining of forces for the last great conflict.

First, the Everlasting Gospel is preached by Angel Messengers. Human agency for the preaching of the Gospel has apparently so far failed that a Heavenly Messenger must be employed for the purpose.

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.

"Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water."

This is a most solemn and final warning. Many people are satisfied with the "practice of religion." They have chosen a system which is attractive to themselves without looking carefully to see how it relates itself to the worship instituted by God. Inadvertently many have been caught in that spurious worship which has been instituted by the devil, under the guise of worship of God. Hence the final warning.

Proclamation II declares the fallen condition of Babylon the Great.

"And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

There can be no question of the fact that Rome the successor of Babylon, herself the last phase of the Babylon system, termed herein "Babylon the Great," is here meant.

Proclamation III:

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

"And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Without doubt we have here the

warning against the worship of that militant Power which is now carrying on its propaganda against Israel-Britain and Israel-America the world over. That Power which is working ceaselessly for "world revolution" in order that the Kingdom Nation of Jehovah may be overthrown. The Communist power and influence, and that which is allied with it, is undoubtedly here referred to.

Proclamation IV:

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me. Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

In view of the days upon which we have now entered and are yet to pass, a special blessing is pronounced upon the dead which die in the Lord. There will be many who have given and others who will give their lives in the years through which we are passing; and many more who will pass out because of the strain of the times in which we are caused to live. But this is not a matter for mourning. Things have gone so far on earth, and are so advanced in Heaven, that there is no hardship in being promoted from the lower to the higher scene of activity. There will be scarcely time to look around there until the hosts will be mustered for the progress to the earth to take part in the reign of our Lord.

Proclamation V:

The approach of the great Reaper —

"And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle."

This is very different from the vision we have usually entertained of the approach of death. No one fears a *white* cloud. It floats calmly in a sunlit sky, upon a glorious background of heavenly blue. From the dark cloud, the black cloud of storm and tempest, we shrink, but the white cloud is a joy. This particular white cloud is, like that which received our ascending Lord, formed of a multitude of the heavenly hosts, coming with gladness to the reaping. When He thus comes and thrusts in His sickle, we, among the sheaves, shall be "caught up to meet Him in the clouds," and so shall we be ever with the Lord. We shall help to swell the white cloud, that is all, and it is a glorious anticipation.

The Harvest:

"And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the

cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

Thus are the people of the Lord to be gathered into the garner. It is the time of the resurrection of the dead in Christ and the translation of the living in Christ.

Another reaper. This time he is not described:

"And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle."

#### The Vintage:

"And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the cluster of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

"And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

"And the winepress was trodden without the city, and the blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs."

It is a terrible fact that there are two classes among us on the earth, and that both classes are hastening, each to a very different end. The Israel of God for the garner: the following of the dragon for the winepress of the wrath of God.

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After these warning proclamations there ensues the pouring out of the vials of the wrath of God. (Read the fifteenth chapter.)

In order to avoid confusion in our reading and understanding, let us see for a moment the plan of the Book we are studying.

There are *Seven Seals*.

The last of the seals contain *seven trumpets*.

The last of the trumpets contain *seven vials*.

The culmination of the *seals, trumpets and vials* meet in the last great day of God Almighty.

The seven seals appear to cover the full seven prophetic times of Daniel and Revelation.

The trumpets deal with the Christian era.

The vials cover the *last short sharp fulfillment at the end*.

There is not, therefore, any necessary conflict between the historicist and the futurist interpretation. The same form is followed in both trumpets and vials. The trumpets have a long and the vials a short fulfillment.

For the pouring out of the vials, read the sixteenth chapter.

These activities follow the solemn proclamations which have given warning to "the inhabitants of the earth," and which have given to all the option of choice in which camp they will be found.

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#### *Babylon the Great, Having Seven Heads and Ten Horns*

We have seen that the *dragon* in Heaven was distinguished by having seven heads and ten horns. This represented the organization of his angel hosts in Heaven.

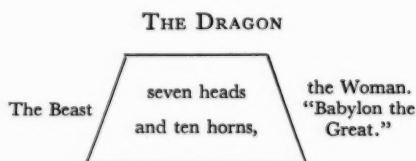
We have seen that the *beast* which arose out of the sea had seven heads and ten horns. This is the Military Imperial power.

We now see that the Woman, "Babylon the Great," has seven heads and ten horns, and that the "seven heads are seven hills upon which the whore sitteth." The seven heads and ten horns constitute "The Mark of the Beast." It is the "crest" by which all the followers of the dragon are known.

Let us look closely at this remarkable fact. History links up the Kaiser with the Caesars, and the Caesars with Nebuchadnezzar and his Imperial organization. This is the succession of the "Beast" power. History links up Rome with the succession of the Babylon Imperialism, and the Bible brings the original name, Babylon, forward to the end. This is "the dragon" power of ecclesiasticism.

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#### *A Great Triangle*



Each and all of these is and are distinguished by the same mark — seven heads and ten horns.

The dragon represents the "principalities, and powers, the spiritual wickedness in heavenly places" which St. Paul declares we wrestle against.

The beast represents earthly Imperial power as represented in the succession of Babylonian Empires.

The Woman, "Mystery, Babylon the Great," represents the organized ecclesiastical power of that succession, the original organization of which took place at the erection of the Image on the

plains of Dura. But even then the worship of "The Woman" was old.

The modern succession of the latter is vested in Rome.

How fearful, therefore, the mistake of those who are rushing today to join the organization of that great system.

"And I saw a woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with blood of the martyrs of Jesus."

Have you any doubt as to the identity of this organization? Then let us apply a principle laid down in the Bible for our guidance: "Ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." This principle applies equally to a person or to a system. Now Rome, the Roman system, is a system which has a record of murder and persecution. It is said that thirty millions of the followers of our Lord have been put to death by this murderous system.

The Roman system has been the system par excellence of persecution and killing. Empires and nations have been guilty of occasionally flaming out into devastating wars, but that has not been the *settled policy* of any nation. The Roman system, however, established the infernal Inquisition as a system of murder. She made the matter an article of faith, and called her fiendish massacres by the name of "Auto de fe" (Act of faith). It was indeed an act of her faith. And it demonstrated her to be *not of the faith of Christ*.

Now for the description. "And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."

Read, as a piece of prophetic literature, bearing on our own days and our own international situation, the seventeenth chapter of Revelation.

Chapter 18 carries the proclamation of the moral pollution of "Babylon," and the doom which shall fall upon her speedily.

Of infinite importance is it to us today to give heed to the Divine call sent ringing through the earth and the heavens:

"Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues."

"For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."

"Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine: and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God that judgeth her" (verse 8).

"Rejoice over her, thou Heaven and ye holy apostles and prophets, for God hath avenged you on her" (verse 20).

"And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying,



Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all" (verse 21).

"And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

"For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

"And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

"And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia."

### *The Final Wind-Up of the Present Age, and also of the Millennial Age*

We now return to the woman, Israel. She has long been hidden in the wilderness, namely, for twelve hundred and sixty years. Of late the Dragon has made sore war against her by the power of the beast which rose out of the sea, and after that by the power of the beast which rose out of the land. But now the time of her exaltation is come.

The power of the first beast has been broken.

Babylon the Great, her rival in the earth, has perished in flaming fire.

Now the woman, Israel, is to be reunited with her Lord.

"And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

"And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

"And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

"And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

The Man Child, born of the woman, caught up unto God, now returns to earth, in power and glory, with all the hosts of Heaven.

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

"His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his

head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

"And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

"And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rue them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

"And he hath on his vesture and on his thighs a name written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords."

### *Final Proclamation of the Last Great Conflict*

"And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

"That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and all of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great."

This is followed by the mustering of the hosts and the final battle.

"And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

"And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

"And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

"And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.

"And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."

Now comes the first resurrection and thousand years' reign.

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

"But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

The last supreme attempt of the Devil, at the end of the thousand years:

"And when the thousand years are expired Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.

"And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

"And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city; and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

And now the great and final wind-up of the Adamic period on earth.

### *The Great White Throne*

This seems to be a review of the work of our Lord. This time it is not the Son of Man, but God who sits upon the throne. It is the final session of the court of divine justice.

Every man is judged according to that which is written in the Books. Every man is condemned by that which is written in the Books. "And so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." But now the appeal against the sentence of sin and death is made. The appeal is to the Lamb's Book of Life. Every one whose name is found therein is freed before the law.

"And whosoever was not found written in the Lamb's Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

Thus the curtain falls upon the Adamic earth.

It opens again for a moment on "a new heaven and a new earth." Therein is found the Garden restored. Therein is found the Holy City, New Jerusalem, the beginnings of which we saw in last month's installment of this article.

The City lies four square, according to the plan shown in Numbers, and there is a gate for every tribe of Israel.

"And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

"And he carried me away in the spirit to a

great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

"Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a iasper stone, clear as crystal;

"And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

"On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

"And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

"And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it, and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

"And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

There flows the river of the water of life.

There blooms the tree of life.

There the saints shall walk in the presence of the God and Father for ever.

"And the Lamb is the light thereof."

It is a good outlook for those who have secured registration in the citizenship list of the Kingdom of Heaven, namely, in the Lamb's Book of Life.

### *Maker of the New Heavens and the New Earth*

"As the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain." (Isaiah 66: 22.)

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea."

"And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem. . . ." (Rev. 21: 1, 2.)

A new heaven! and a new earth! and a new city! occupied by the Israel race!

The matters of which we are now to read are yet in the future, beyond the scrapping of the solar system itself, and are projected into the future when the present family of Israel shall have entered fully into a life period which will dawn after the present Adamic period has passed away in fulfillment.

Sharply we are brought back to the personality of the World Maker. "And He that sat upon the throne said . . .," There must here be a word spoken regarding "He that sat upon the throne"

and the Lamb. In all the Book of Revelation the name of "He that sat on the throne" is withheld. Also the personal name of the Lamb is withheld until the final attestation. Why? In the Scriptures the silences are vocal as well as the written Word. This is such a silence. Can it be that the name of "He that sat on the throne" and also the name of the Lamb is withheld because in the "mystery of Godliness" "He that sat upon the throne" and the Lamb are identical in personality, two-fold in manifestation?

Thus, in the first chapter of Revelation, we have *Jesus Christ* declaring "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, The Almighty."

In the beginning for the new earth and the new heaven we have the voice of "He that sat upon the throne saying, Behold I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write; for these words are true and faithful.

"And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end."

Again, in the last solemn attestation sentences, we have Jesus proclaiming Himself thus: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

Thus the personality of "He that sat upon the throne" with the personality of the Lamb is seen to be one personality, manifesting Himself as He that sat on the throne, and as the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. Well did the Saviour say, "I and My Father are one."

### *The New Heavens and the New Earth*

We have already pointed out that the record of the action of the world-maker, which begins with the fourth verse of the second chapter of Genesis, is confined to the solar system. The Bible has much to say that relates itself with the general science of astronomy. But the record of Jesus the World-Maker — Jehovah-Elohim — is confined to the solar system. The reason for the restriction is manifest. The fixed stars and the stellar world are so far distant as to be negligible for practical activities as far as the earth and man are concerned immediately. That widely extended domain of the stellar heavens takes us into its sweep as a part thereof, and we share in such activities and influences as affect it all. But these do not compare with the succession of day and night, the

procession of the seasons, and so on. For these immediate activities we are dependent on the system to which we immediately belong.

Now what may we know regarding this new world-making activity? There are several important items of information given for our guidance. Take the following:

"There was no more sea."

"And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

"And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun. . . ."

"Neither shall the sun light on them nor any heat."

That is to say, neither light nor heat from the sun.

What have we here of information, which the Great Engineer has given to us to see, if we will study His plan so closely as to understand? "No more sea," "No more night." What do these things mean?

They show that the new earth will not be a world spinning upon its axis. It is the centrifugal force of the world's revolution that sends the waters of the oceans out to the surface. It is the speed of the earth's revolution upon its axis that sets the sea level of the oceans. Let the earth come to rest as the moon is at rest, and the oceans would soon disappear beneath the crust of the earth. They would drain away to the center of the earth. If the globe be indeed a crust which covers a heart of fire, then probably the steam generated would be sufficient to blow the earth to atoms. But at all events, the seas would disappear below the surface of the earth, "and there would be no more sea."

But again, we read "And the stars of heaven fell to the earth." What is the meaning of this practical statement if not that the sun and planets of the solar system shall crash together, bursting into the incandescent state of which Peter speaks so clearly when he asserts that the "elements shall melt with fervent heat."

Thus "the heavens and the earth shall pass away" indeed.

But there shall appear new heavens and a new earth. The earth shall be lit no more by sun and moon. The light shall no more come from one point in the heavens as it does now, making it necessary that our earth should turn each part of its globe in succession to the light, thus enjoying the day, but in doing so swinging each part in turn into

its own shadow, thus producing night.

From this we know that the new earth will not be an external member of a planetary system. The new earth shall be *self-sustaining as to light*. "The glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

Not now shall the new earth be a sunlit planet, but a self-lit sun which shall be for the heaven to which it has attained, the center of the system, the place of the throne of God.

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth."

### *The New City*

"And I saw the Holy City new Jerusalem."

The beginnings of this city we saw in the fourth chapter of Revelation. It began with the arrival in heaven of that "Nobleman who went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom" (Luke 19). It shall be the Capital of that Kingdom in due time. Not in the Millennial reign; for the new Jerusalem which shall then be the Capital of the Kingdom of Our Lord will be made by man under inspired direction. The pattern shown for the city in the second chapter of Numbers, as the plan of the camp of Israel, shall be carried out in city after city until this new city of which we read.

Read Revelation 21, especially verses 9-27.

"Behold the tabernacle of God." This was the center of the encampment of Israel (see Numbers 2). The throne of God, "set in heaven," is likewise the center of this city (Rev. 4).

"Having the glory of God [the Shekinah glory]."

"And had a wall great and high."

"Having twelve gates [one gate for every tribe]."

Turn to the plan of Israel's encampment and you will see how each gate is placed in the city wall.

"And the city lieth four square." Thus did the camp of Israel.

The measure of the city is fifteen hundred miles east and west, fifteen hundred miles north and south, fifteen hundred miles in height.

"And the wall of the city had twelve foundations."

"And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple thereof."

### *The Garden*

In reality the city is the development of the original Garden plan. "And he

showed me a pure river of water of life." Not H<sub>2</sub>O this time. Not water distilled from the sea and elevated into the clouds to be showered upon the earth. This is a more precious liquid. It is more than Living water, "it is indeed the water of Life." Said the Saviour to the woman at the well:

"Whosoever shall drink of this water shall thirst again, but whosoever shall drink of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst, but it shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." (St. John 4.)

"And in the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river was there the tree of life."

Here we are back again to the Garden, with its *One* tree of life. Now, preserved, as the tree of life must necessarily be, for it could not die, it has bloomed into a mighty grove for the beautifying of the new city which is the new Garden.

"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

"In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

"And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

"And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

"And there shall be no light there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

"And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

"Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

"And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

"Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God."

The permanent life of the new heavens and the earth:

"And he saith unto me, seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

"He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

"For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."

And now comes the ringing call to us in this present time to register for citizenship in the Holy City:

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Finally, we have the attestation of Our Lord to the things of this Book, and the warning of His return:

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

"And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

Thus from the beginning of His world-making activity before the advent of man, on through all the ages of the Adamic period to its ultimate finish, and still on through the world-making activity which produces the New Heaven and the New Earth, the stately progress of Jehovah-Jesus is revealed until swallowed up in the triumphant glory of Eternity. For it is He whom God —

"Hath appointed Heir of all things By Whom also He made the world, Who being the brightness of His glory, And the express image of His person, And upholding all things by the word of His power,

When he had by Himself purged our sin,

Sat down on the right hand of

The Majesty on high —

Being made so much better than the Angels,

As He hath by inheritance obtained A more excellent name than they."

(Heb. 1.)



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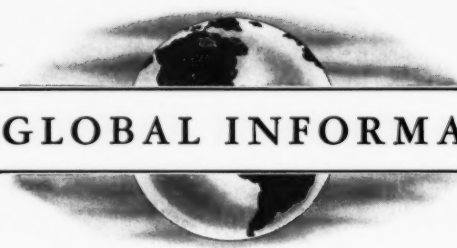
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